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INTERNATIONAL

US Treasury Secretary Yellen To Visit India Next Week For G20 Meetings

- US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen would travel to India next week to participate in the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Ministerial. During the visit, her priority will be the war in Ukraine and addressing the challenges for building a stronger, more resilient, and global economy, as reported by the news agency PTI. "In these engagements, Yellen will join with allies in holding Russia accountable for its illegal invasion of Ukraine, and partner with countries to mitigate the spillover effects of the war.

EAM S Jaishankar Calls On Aus PM Albanese To Discuss Bilateral Strategic Ties

- External Affairs minister S Jaishankar on Saturday met Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at the latter's official residence in Sydney and apprised him of the recent developments related to the strategic partnership between both the countries. The meeting comes ahead of the Australian PM's scheduled trip to India next month as the two countries seek to finalise a trade deal following the interim agreement signed in April 2022.

NATIONAL

World's First Om-Shaped Lord Shiva Temple Expected To Be Ready By 2024 In Rajasthan

- The Om-shaped Lord Shiva temple is soon going to be ready in the Jadan Village of Rajasthan's Pali, after nearly three decades since the laying of the foundation stone. This would be the first such temple in the world. The Om-shaped or the 'Om Aakar' temple is being constructed across a sprawling 250 acres of land in Jadan. Over 400 people worked on the construction of the temple.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Chairs 49th Meeting Of GST Council

- The 49th meeting of the GST Council is being Chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman after the presentation of the union budget earlier this month. The meeting is also being attended by Minister of State Pankaj Chaudhary, Finance Ministers of States and UTs, and senior officers of the government.

APPOINTMENTS

Rajan Amba appointed as MD of Jaguar Land Rover India

- Rajan Amba, VP of Sales, Marketing & Customer Care, Tata Motors, has been appointed as the Managing Director of Jaguar Land Rover India. He will take charge on March 1, 2023. Amba replaces Rohit Suri, who announced his retirement earlier this year. Prior to joining Tata Motors, Amba was the Chief Operating Officer at Carat Lane. He also held several top managerial posts at Titan and Nike.

SPORTS

Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2023: India Enter Semifinals After Sensational Comeback, Ensure First-Ever Medal In Continental Tournament

- India staged a remarkable comeback to down Hong Kong 3-2 and qualify for the semifinals of the Asia Mixed Team Badminton Championships and ensure a first-ever medal in the continental tournament here on Friday. Down 0-2, the Indians showed great fighting spirit as the doubles pair of Dhruv Kapila and Chirag Shetty and PV Sindhu levelled the scores after reverses in the first two matches.

South Africa Test Captain: Temba Bavuma Becomes First Black African To Lead Proteas In Test Cricket

- Cricket South Africa (CSA) have appointed Temba Bavuma as their new Test captain replacing Dean Elgar at the helm of affairs in red-ball cricket. While Bavuma has retained his position as the captain of the ODI team, his first assignment as a full-time leader in the game's purest format will be the forthcoming series against West Indies. With this announcement, the 32-year-old became the first Black African to lead South Africa in Test match cricket.

WPL 2023: Royal Challengers Bangalore Appoint Smriti Mandhana As Team's Captain

- On Saturday, Royal Challengers Bangalore appointed Smriti Mandhana as the skipper of the women's team ahead of the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL) 2023. Virat Kohli and current RCB captain Faf du Plessis announced on RCB's social media handles. "Now it's time for another No. 18 to lead a very special RCB team in WPL. Yes, we are talking about Smriti Mandhana. Go on Smriti. You have the support best team and best fans in the world," - Kohli said.

IND vs ENG, Women's T20 World Cup 2023 England defeat India by 11 runs

- India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana's half-century (52 off 41 balls) and an entertaining 34-ball 47 from Richa Ghosh went in vain as India lost their ICC Women's T20 World Cup group match to England by 11 runs on Saturday. India restricted England to 151 for seven with medium pacer Renuka Singh (5/15) registering her best bowling figures in the format after India opted to bowl. Her five-wicket haul gave India hope that they could defeat the Heather Knight-led side, but Sarah Glenn (2/27 in 4 overs) and Sophie Ecclestone's (1/11 in 3 overs) restrictive bowling didn't allow Indian batters play their strokes freely.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Lexi': India's first AI assistant powered by ChatGPT

- Lexi, a ChatGPT-powered AI chatbot, has arrived in India. Velocity, a financial technology firm, launched the chatbot to assist e-commerce owners by presenting them with business information in a simplified manner. Velocity insights, Velocity's proprietary analytics platform, has been linked with the chatbot.

World's First Cloud-Built Demonstration Satellite Launched JANUS-1 Successfully

- LOS ALTOS, Calif., Feb. 10, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- Antaris, creator of the most advanced software platform for space, announced today that the world's first satellite fully conceived, designed and manufactured using the company's end-to-end cloud platform has successfully reached orbit. JANUS-1 rode on the Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) SSLV-D2 rocket, which was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre of India under a commercial arrangement with New Space India Limited (NSIL). The satellite features five payloads from a range of global providers, which will be commissioned and begin nominal operations in the coming days.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Taj Mahotsav or Taj Festival

- Taj Mahotsav Agra, one of the most eagerly awaited festivals, is celebrated from 18th to 27th February every year at Shilpgram near the Eastern gate of "Taj Mahal". This 10 days long carnival is actually a vibrant platform that gives you information of India where you can find India's rich arts, crafts, cuisine, dance and music. Taj Mahal is the most beautiful historical place of India which tells about incredible India. Taj Mahotsav is organized by UP Tourism and it is a source to increase Indian Tourism.

World Pangolin Day

- World Pangolin Day is observed annually on the third Saturday in February and takes place on February 18 this year. The day aims to celebrate pangolins, raise awareness and recommit international N.G.O.s to the fight against the global capturing of pangolins in Africa and Asia.

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INTERNATIONAL

Neal Mohan, the new Indian American CEO of YouTube

- An Indian-American, Neal Mohan will become the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Alphabet-owned YouTube following Susan Wojcicki's announcement that she will be stepping down from her role as the head of the video-sharing platform. Neal Mohan has been serving as the chief product officer for YouTube since 2015. Prior to this, Mohan had worked at the online search giant Google, which he had joined in 2008.

MoU between India , Chile in Agricultural Sector

- The Union Cabinet approved signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Chile for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. The MoU will come in force upon its signature and will remain effective for 5 years from the date of execution after which it will be automatically renewed for another 5 years.

NATIONAL

BCCI Chief Selector Chetan Sharma Resigns After Viral Sting Operation: Report

- After a sting operation of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) chief selector Chetan Sharma went viral, where he allegedly talked about Virat Kohli's captaincy woes and other issues, he has tendered his resignation from the coveted post. As per ANI sources, Chetan Sharma sent his resignation to BCCI Secretary Jay Shah who has accepted it.

Actor Shahnawaz Pradhan Passes Away At the age of 56, After A Heart Attack

- After having a heart attack on February 17, actor Shahnawaz Pradhan passed away. He was 56. While attending a social event, he collapsed after complaining of terrible chest pain. He was sent to Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital immediately, but the doctors there were unable to save his life.

SPORTS

Cheteshwar Pujara became the 13th cricketer to play 100 Test matches for India

- Cheteshwar Pujara got felicitated at Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi. "It is an honour to receive this cap from you (Sunil Gavaskar), legends like you have inspired me (On getting the cap from Sunny G). I wanted to play for India as a youngster but I never thought I'd get to 100 Test matches. Test cricket is the ultimate format for me, it challenges you just like life. To all the youngsters, I'd encourage y'all to work hard to play Test cricket for India. I'd like to thank my wife, my family, everyone in BCCI and all my teammates who've supported me throughout this journey, " Pujara said.

BCCI Chief Selector Chetan Sharma Resigns After Viral Sting Operation

- The BCCI chief selector Chetan Sharma resigned after a sting operation went viral, as per ANI. Sharma was in Kolkata for the Ranji Trophy final and sent his resignation on Friday morning and it has been accepted immediately by the BCCI.
- According to the sting operation, he alleged that former India captain Virat Kohli attempted to defame the then-president of BCCI, Sourav Ganguly, as he believed Ganguly was to blame for his removal as captain of the One Day International (ODI) team."No player or selector will be comfortable on sharing a cordial relationship even with well-meaning journalists after this sting as the trust factor has been compromised," a senior BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

IPL 2023 Schedule Announced: T20 Tournament To Begin On March 31

- The much-awaited schedule of the Indian Premier League 2023 has been announced and it is the defending champions Gujarat Titans who will face the Chennai Super Kings in the opening fixture of the competition at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. The last league match will be played on May 21.
- There will be a total of 70 league matches this year with the first match on double-header days set to commence on 03:30 pm (IST). The evening matches have been given a 07:30 pm (IST) start time.

Appointments

Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar to be new Vice Chief of Army Staff

- Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff, while incumbent Lt Gen B S Raju will take charge as South Western Army Commander, Lt General MV Suchindra Kumar has also served important staff appointments, including Additional Director General Military Intelligence and Director General Military Intelligence at Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army)

IMPORTANT DAYS

Global Tourism Resilience Day

- The United Nations General Assembly has adopted a resolution from Jamaica to declare the first-ever Global Tourism Resilience Day on 17th February 2023, in an effort to future-proof the sustainability of tourism. The move to mark the day annually was supported by more than 90 countries.

World Human Spirit Day

- So many of our statements nowadays end with 'the world as we know it'. World Human Spirit Day is a celebration of the fact that what we know about our own world is limited and superficial. It is a day to wonder at our achievements on this planet as humans, and to contemplate the endless possibilities we have as spirits.

Random Act of Kindness Day

- One can never go wrong with kindness, and there can never be too much of it. The idea behind Random Act of Kindness Day is to cultivate feelings of kindness and brighten up someone's day. Every small act of kindness is significant. It may seem like it doesn't accomplish much but, just like the domino effect, one act of kindness can lead to more positive outcomes. Don't hold back from uplifting others with compliments and compassion on this day.

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The World Bank chief David Malpass to step down early

- World Bank chief David Malpass has announced his resignation nearly a year early. He ending a tenure at the head of the development lender that was clouded by questions over his climate stance. The veteran of Republican administrations in the United States was appointed to the role in 2019 when Donald Trump was president and previously served as Under Secretary of the Treasury for international affairs. Malpass's term would have originally ended in 2024.

Rolls-Royce Announced Order of Trent XWB-97 Engines from Air India

- British engineering company Rolls-Royce on Tuesday announced that it has received an order from Air India for 68 Trent XWB-97 engines, in addition to an option for 20 more.

Former Italian PM Silvio Berlusconi Acquitted In 'Bunga-Bunga' Bribe Case

- Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has been acquitted of the charges of bribing witnesses to lie about his notorious "bunga-bunga" parties, reported BBC. Apart from him, 28 other defendants have also been acquitted.
- Italy's PM Giorgia Meloni hailed his acquittal as "excellent news that puts an end to a long legal case that also had important repercussions on Italian political and institutional life". Berlusconi's Forza Italia party is a part of the Meloni-led coalition government.

NATIONAL

3.6 Magnitude Earthquake Jolts J&K's Katra

- Tremors were felt in Jammu and Kashmir's Katra early morning on Friday, as a 3.6 magnitude earthquake hit the area at 5.02 am as per the National Centre for Seismology. The depth of the earthquake was 10 kilometres under the surface.

SPORTS

UEFA Champions League: Benfica Ease Past Brugge To Secure First-Leg Win In Round Of 16

- João Mário converted a penalty and David Neres made a cool finish which earned Benfica a comfortable win at Club Brugge in the first leg match in the Round of 16 stage of the Champions League. Roger Schmidt's Benfica took a major step towards the Champions League quarterfinals following a 2-0 victory as they will take a two-goal advantage back to Lisbon.

India's Asian Games Gold-Medal Winning Footballer Tulsidas Balaram Dies At 87

- Tulsidas Balaram, India's Asian Games gold-medal winning footballer and Olympian, has passed away aged 87 after a prolonged illness. The same has been confirmed by sources close to his family, as reported by news agency PTI. A widower, Balaram, was living in a flat on the banks of the river Hooghly in Uttarpara.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

Adani company gives up bid to acquire DB Power

- Gautam Adani-led Adani Power said on Wednesday an agreement signed last year to acquire DB Power, which operates a thermal power plant in Chhattisgarh, for an enterprise value of Rs 7,017 crore, has expired.
- The date to complete the process was extended four times after the initial deal was signed in August 2022. "We wish to inform that the long stop date under the memorandum of understanding (MoU) dated August 18, 2022, has expired," Adani Power said in a stock exchange notice on Wednesday, but did not provide details as to whether the date will be extended or the agreement will be renegotiated.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Karnataka Bank awarded 'Prathista Puraskar'

- Karnataka Bank was awarded with 'Prathista Puraskar' under 'Digidhan Awards 2021-22' by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), government of India for achieving target with highest percentage in BHIM-UPI transactions in private sector bank category. Labelled as 'KBL-NxT', the bank is currently undertaking an accelerated digital drive under its transformation journey 'KBL VIKAS 2.0'. This award is an ideal tribute to the founding fathers of this great institution as Karnataka Bank is stepping into its 100th year of its fruitful existence."

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Anthropology Day 2023

- World Anthropology Day is a holiday that falls on the third Thursday of February — it takes place on February 16 this year. The day is set aside to celebrate the field and share information about anthropology with the public. Anthropology can be explained as the scientific study of humanity. It covers human behavior, biology, and how human societies function.
- It considers past and present information and looks to explore the future. Anthropology helps explain the origins of humans and what makes us unique as a species. It helps us understand how our world works, why we behave the way we do, and how we influence our environments.

National Almond Day

- National Almond Day is a reason for foodies to celebrate! It's generally believed and agreed by historians (and food historians in particular) that almonds were one of the earliest cultivated foods by mankind. Almonds are mentioned as far back in history as the Bible!

Innovation Day

- Innovation Day is commemorated on February 16 to recognize the role that new knowledge plays in making a country more advanced and powerful. This day is a great way to not only make the existing crop of scientists feel valued and appreciated, but it also inspires young people to pursue a career in technology and innovation. This special day celebrates the achievements of the scientific community and opens the doors to new technologies, inventions, and careers for the younger generation.

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INTERNATIONAL

Magnitude 6.1 quake strikes off New Zealand coast

- A magnitude 6.1 earthquake struck New Zealand near Wellington on Wednesday at a depth of 48 km (30 miles), government seismic monitor Geonet said. The earthquake's epicentre was 50 km from the town of Paraparaumu, according to Geonet. A Reuters witness felt a strong shaking that lasted several seconds in the capital of Wellington. New Zealand lies on the seismically active "Ring of Fire", a 40,000-km arc of volcanoes and ocean trenches girdling much of the Pacific Ocean.

Air India: The record plane deal, a game-changer

- Air India's record deal for 470 planes from Airbus and Boeing has happened at a time when the carrier plans to become "a world-class proposition", in the words of N Chandrasekaran, chairman of Tata group, which owns the airline.

NATIONAL

Tamil Nadu Government's Electric Vehicle Policy 2023, Eyes Rs 50,000 Cr Investments.

- The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday unveiled its electric vehicle (EV) policy 2023 which aims to garner investments to the tune of Rs 50,000 crore and generate 1.50 lakh jobs, in a boost to the EV industry. Chief Minister M K Stalin formally released the new policy in the presence of government officials at the Secretariat here

Actor Javed Khan Amrohi passes away in Mumbai

- Actor Javed Khan Amrohi passes away in Mumbai, he died due to lung failure. Javed Khan Amrohi appeared in films like Lagaan, Andaz Apna Apna, Chak De India, Coolie No 1, Hum Hain Rahi Pyaar Ke, Laadla, Ishq among many others. He was also seen in TV shows Mirza Ghalib and Nukkad.

Army gets its first set of offensive swarm drone system, IAF next

- This delivery for the Army may possibly be the world's first operational high density swarming Unmanned Aerial System induction for military applications.

SPORTS

Sania Mirza to be the mentor of RCB in Women's Premier League

- Indian tennis icon Sania Mirza, who played her last Grand Slam at the Australian Open last month, was roped in by the Royal Challengers Bangalore team as its mentor in the upcoming Women's Premier League.

FIFA confirms US, Mexico, Canada automatically in 2026 World Cup

- The U.S. men's national team, along with Mexico and Canada, will automatically qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
- The 2026 FIFA World Cup will be the 23rd FIFA World Cup, the quadrennial international men's soccer championship contested by the national teams of the

member associations of FIFA. The tournament will be jointly hosted by 16 cities in three North American countries: Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Women's T20 World Cup : IND beat WI by 6 wickets, join ENG in top 2 of Group 2 table

- A disciplined bowling performance from Team India bowlers kept the Windies down to 118/6 in 20 overs. Opener Stafanie Taylor top-scored for West Indies with a 40-ball 42 while Shemaine Campbelle contributed 30. Deepti Sharma was the most successful bowler for India with three wickets for 15 runs while Pooja Vastrakar and Renuka Singh got one apiece.
- Chasing 119 to win, India lost their top three batters within the first seven overs, making it a tricky run-chase. However, the duo of Harmanpreet Kaur and Richa Ghosh once again joined hands in the middle and stitched a brilliant fifty-run partnership to take India to victory.

AWARDS AND REOGNITION

IIT Indore Students Awarded with Global Best M-GOV Awards by Egyptian President

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore Students won AED 1 million by winning the gold medal at the World Government Summit in Dubai. Niyati Totala and Neel Kalpeshkumar Parikh of The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore, were awarded the prestigious medal by Egyptian President Abel Fattah Al-Sisi.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Hippo Day

- Drought has led to habitat loss, and the hunting and poaching of hippos, both for their meat and ivory teeth, is also a major threat. World Hippo Day reminds us to celebrate and value these mud-loving mammals, in the hope that they'll be around for many more years to come.

National Flag of Canada Day

- On February 15, 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time on Parliament Hill. On the same day in 1996, National Flag of Canada Day was declared. - Our national flag is a symbol that unites Canadians and reflects the common values we take pride in — equality, freedom and inclusion.

International Childhood Cancer Day

- International Childhood Cancer Day is observed on February 15 every year and all over the world. The day raises awareness of childhood cancer and honors all the children and families experiencing the effects of the disease. It acknowledges their pain and difficulties, giving them space to process and grieve.

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INTERNATIONAL

World's Biggest Aircraft Deal Between Air India And Airbus Shows Strengthening India - France Ties: PM Modi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron launched the Air India-Airbus partnership via video conference on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, PM Modi said the deal reflected the strengthening relations between India and France. "This important deal reflects the deepening ties between India and France, as well as the successes and aspirations of India's civil aviation sector. Whether it is the issue of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, or global food security and health security, India and France together are making a positive contribution," PM Modi said.

Cyclone Gabrielle hits New Zealand, Declares State Of Emergency As Massive Storm Causes Floods, Landslides

- New Zealand declared a national state of emergency on Tuesday. The decision comes after cyclone Gabrielle caused widespread flooding, landslides, and huge ocean swells, as reported by the news agency Reuters. This has happened only for the third time in its history. The cyclone has forced people to evacuate and some people are left stranded on rooftops.

Marburg Disease Outbreak

- The World Health Organization recently confirmed the Marburg disease outbreak in Equatorial Guinea. Patients suffering from the disease experience diarrhoea, vomiting, and stomach pain. Also, there is bleeding in severe cases. An e-bola-related virus is causing the disease. The Spread of the disease is epidemic; meaning the disease is widespread

Rishi Sunak Promises To Do 'Whatever It Takes' To Defend UK From 'Spy' Balloons

- According to the BBC, Prime Minister of the UK, Rishi Sunak said that his government will do "whatever it takes" to keep the country safe from spy balloons. He added that a "quick reaction alert force" of RAF Typhoon jets was on stand-by 24/7 to "police our airspace" The issue of the 'spy' balloon seems to have become a matter of international concern with now the United Kingdom putting the military on alert to review the security after the US shot down a series of flying objects recently.

NATIONAL

RBI's financial literacy week starts from 13 to 17 February, 2023

- RBI's 'Financial Literacy Week' started on 13th and will last till February 17, 2023. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been conducting this every year since 2016 to propagate financial education messages on a particular theme among members of public across the country. Last year, RBI observed 'financial literacy week' from

February 14 to February 18, 2022. The central bank held an event to propagate financial education messages on the theme of "Go Digital Go Secure".

- The theme selected for 2023 year's FLW is "Good Financial Behaviour - Your Saviour" which will be observed between February 13 and 17, 2023.

Mumbai ranks second most polluted city in the world according to Swiss air tracking index IQAir

- Mumbai was the second most polluted city in the world between January 29 and February 8, according to the Swiss air tracking index IQAir (a real-time worldwide air quality monitor).

Strict Anti-Copying Law comes into force in Uttarakhand

- The country's strictest Anti-Copying Law has come into force in Uttarakhand. Governor Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh has approved the Uttarakhand Competitive Examination (Measures for Prevention and Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Ordinance 2023. In view of this, the Anti-Copying Law is being described as the biggest anti-copying law in the country. This comes after the UKPSC paper leak which led to cancellation of exam for around 1.4 lakh government job aspirants.

TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav Festival

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the national Aadi Mahotsav on 16th February, 2023 at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi. This was announced at a media briefing by the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda in New Delhi. Ministers of State for Tribal Affairs, Ms Renuka Saruta was also present on the occasion.

Mumbaikars gear up to ride on India's first double-decker AC electric bus

- The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport, also known as 'BEST', inducted India's first air-conditioned double decker bus into its fleet on Monday. The agency has placed an order of 200 such unique electric double-decker air-conditioned buses with manufacturers 'Switch'.

SPORTS

Eoin Morgan, England's World Cup-winning captain, announces retirement from all forms of cricket

- England's Cricket World Cup-winning captain called time on his international career in June 2022. Eoin Morgan, who led England to their first-ever ICC Men's Cricket World Cup title in 2019, has announced his retirement from professional cricket with immediate effect.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Book Giving Day

- International Book Giving Day, celebrated every year on February 14, is a day to do exactly what the day says — give books. This special holiday is celebrated by book lovers all over the world. It is a day to share your love of books with someone — especially children — who might not have access to as many books as you do. It's not a coincidence that International Book Giving Day falls on the same day as Valentine's Day — it is a day of love after all. International Book Giving Day is about two things — a love of books and a love for fellow human beings.

Black Day : India

- As on February 14, 2019, a terror attack was carried out in Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir by a suicide bomber resulting in the death of 40 CRPF personnel in Pulwama.

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Anil Kapoor And Aditya Roy Kapur Feature On John le Carre's Novel The Night Manager

- Bollywood actors Anil Kapoor and Aditya Roy Kapur have featured on the cover of the new edition of British-Irish author John le Carre's novel 'The Night Manager', on which their upcoming eponymous streaming show is based. This is the first time ever that an Indian show has featured on an international bestseller.

Russia's Rosoboronexport To Offer New Joint Venture Defence Projects To India

- Not just the US, Russia is also vying to grab its share of the 'Make In India' pie by offering a raft of projects under this programme of the Narendra Modi government, according to Russia's state-owned Rosoboronexport. Rosoboronexport, a permanent exhibitor at Aero India, is the organiser of Russia's collective display at the Aero India 2023 at the Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru.

NATIONAL

Rajya Sabha Adjourned Till March 13 After Oppn Demand Over Adani Issue

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday said that the Opposition comes to Parliament with the motive of not letting dialogues happen peacefully after Rajya Sabha was adjourned following a ruckus by the Opposition over the Adani issue. "The opposition leaders didn't let the Rajya Sabha function smoothly. It is indirectly a disrespect of the Chair. Many members were passing comments. The opposition comes to the parliament with the motive of not letting dialogues happen peacefully.

Delhi to have India's first National Metro Rail Knowledge Centre

- The first National Metro Rail Knowledge Centre is in the process of development in New Delhi. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has awarded the contract, for the design and construction of the facility, to GA Infra Private Limited. The National

Metro Rail Knowledge Centre will be an essential facility and act as a hub of resources for the metro's growth story.

AMRITPEX 2023 Inaugurated by Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

- The Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated AMRITPEX 2023 – National Philatelic Exhibition. This five-day Mahakumbh of Stamps is being celebrated from 11th February to 15th February 2023 and is being organized as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations. The Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan, Secretary, Department of Posts, Vineet Pandey, Director General Postal Services, Alok Sharma, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

SPORTS

WPL 2023 Auction: RCB Ropes In Smriti Mandhana For Huge Rs 3.40 Cr

- India's explosive left-hander batter Smriti Mandhana entered the auction with a Base price of 50 lakhs. Royal Challengers Bangalore and the Mumbai Indians were the two teams who went in to rope her. Bangalore won the bid and got Mandhana for a whopping amount of 340 Lakhs. also ,Mumbai Indians Bags Harmanpreet Kaur For 1.80 Crore.

FIFA Club World Cup Final: Real Madrid beat Al Hilal to win record fifth Club World Cup

- Real Madrid has won the Club World Cup for a record-extending fifth time after beating Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal 5-3 in the final in Rabat, Morocco. Vinícius Júnior scored twice and assisted Karim Benzema to lead Real Madrid to its record-extending eighth Club World Cup title by beating Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal 5-3. Madrid last won the tournament in 2018. It also lifted the trophy in 2014, 2016 and 2017. Madrid also won three Intercontinental Cups in 1960, 1998 and 2002 — a match between European and South American champions, which merged with the Club World Cup in 2005.

WPL 2023: Check The Top 5 Most Expensive Players At The Auction.

1. Smriti Mandhana - 3.60 Crore by Royal Challengers Bangalore
2. Ashleigh Gardner - 3.20 Crore by Gujarat Giants
3. Natalie Sciver - 3.20 Crore by Mumbai Indians
4. Deepti Sharma - 2.60 Crore by Delhi Capitals
5. Jemimah Rodrigues - 2.20 Crore by the Delhi Capitals

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Saudi Arabia To Send Its First Woman Astronaut Into Space In Second Quarter Of 2023

- This is the latest attempt by the kingdom to change its ultra-conservative image. The official Saudi Press Agency announced on Sunday that Rayyana Barnawi and fellow Saudi male astronaut Ali Al-Qarni will embark on a mission to the International Space Station (ISS) "during the second quarter of 2023.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Appasaheb Dharmadhikari awarded with Maharashtra Bhushan award

- The state government of Maharashtra has announced that renowned social worker, preacher and reformer Dattatreya alias Appasaheb Dharmadhikari will be honoured with Maharashtra Bhushan award for the year 2022. The Maharashtra Bhushan award comprises a medal, a citation and Rs 25 lakh, which will be conferred to Appasaheb at a function later in the year. Appasaheb was honoured with Padmashri in 2017.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Women's Day: India / Sarojini Naidu Birth Anniversary

- Every year 13 February is celebrated as National Women's Day only in India. But, very few people know why Women's Day is celebrated on February 13. As on this day prominent freedom fighter and poetess Sarojini Naidu was born. She is also known as the 'Nightingale of India' because of her poems. Sarojini Naidu played an active role in the Indian National Movement for the independence of the country.

World Radio Day

- World Radio Day is observed on 13 February every year to remember the special power of Radio which brings people together and provides vital information. It touches the lives of people across the world. In 2023, the theme for World Radio Day is "Radio and Peace" which aims to focus on the importance of independent radio to foster peace and prevent conflict.

International Epilepsy Day

- International Epilepsy Day, is observed each year on the 2nd Monday of February. International Epilepsy Day is an annual event organized by the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) and the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) to raise awareness about epilepsy and its impact on individuals, families and communities around the world.

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INTERNATIONAL

Former Judge Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu to become the next president of Bangladesh

- Former judge and Awami League leader, Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu, is poised to become the next president of Bangladesh, as his party which secured a majority in the parliament has chosen him as their candidate for the upcoming presidential election. The announcement was made by the party's General Secretary, Obaidul Quader, on Sunday (February 12).

NATIONAL

PM Narendra Modi To Inaugurate First Section Of Delhi-Mumbai Expressway In Rajasthan's Dausa

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation the Delhi-Dausa-Lalsot stretch, the first completed section of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway on Sunday. The 246-kilometre section has been developed at a cost of over Rs 12,150 crore. The operationalisation of this stretch will reduce the travel time from Delhi to Jaipur from 5 hours to around 3.5 hours and provide a major boost to economic development of the entire region

Ramesh Bais appointed as the new Maharashtra governor

- Ramesh Bais has been appointed as the new Governor of Maharashtra; the President of India has accepted the resignation of Bhagat Singh Koshiyari as Governor of Maharashtra. Ramesh Bais was the tenth Governor of Jharkhand, succeeding Draupadi Murmu.

Earthquake Of Magnitude 4.0 Strikes Nagaon In Assam

- An Earthquake of Magnitude:4.0, Occurred on February 12, 2023, 16:18:17 IST, Lat: 26.10 & Long: 92.72, Depth: 10 Km, in Nagaon, Assam, As of now, there are no details regarding any impact or damage from the 4.0 magnitude earthquake.

SPORTS

India Win Silver And Bronze In Women's Pole Vault In Asian Indoor Championships

- Pavithra Vengatesh and Rosy Meena won a silver and a bronze respectively in the women's pole vault event of the Asian Indoor Athletics Championship here on Saturday. Vengatesh and Meena cleared 4m and 3.90m respectively in the final, which was won by Mayu Nasu of Japan.

Vedaant Madhavan,, Wins Seven Medals At Khelo India Youth Games

- Indian swimming's latest sensation Vedaant Madhavan lived up to the hype and expectations and clinched as many as seven medals at the Khelo India Youth Games. Vedaant, who is the son of actor R Madhavan, secured the pole position in 100m, 200m and 1500m. Other than Vedaant, swimmer Apeksha Fernandes was also impressive and matched Vedaant's tally of medals. In fact, while Vedaant managed to win 5 gold medals and 2 silver medals in these games, Apeksha won 6 golds and a silver along with surpassing her personal best record

The 3rd Test Of Border-Gavaskar Trophy Shifted From Dharamshala to Indore

- The third Test between India and Australia is set to be moved from the picturesque HPCA Stadium in Dharamshala to Indore due to concerns about the surface. The Indian board (BCCI) has reportedly taken the decision to shift the match from the Himalayas after an unfavourable report of the venue.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

BRIT Awards 2023: Harry Styles Leads Winners' List Bagging Album of the Year, Song of the Year And Best Pop/R+B Act

- The former One Direction singer, 29, also scooped Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Best Pop/R+B Act, and is making headlines for dedicating his Artist of the Year trophy to a string of female artistes who weren't nominated, after the BRITs was slammed for the all-male nominees line-up for the trophy after the category went gender-neutral.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National productivity day : India

- India celebrates National Productivity Day every year on February 12 to mark the foundation day of the National Productivity Council (NPC). The NPC's mission is to promote awareness towards increasing the productivity of the country.

Darwin Day

- Darwin Day is a celebration to commemorate the birthday of Charles Darwin on 12 February (12 February 1809). The day is used to highlight Darwin's contributions to science and to promote science in general. Darwin Day is celebrated around the world.