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NATIONAL

Youth Affairs & Sports Minister Anurag Thakur to launch Yuva Utsava – India@2047 from Ropar in Punjab

Youth Affairs and Sports and Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur will launch Yuva Utsava – India@2047 from Ropar in Punjab on 4th March, Saturday. He will also launch the Dashboard of Yuva Utsav during the event. Yuva Utsava will be simultaneously hosted at Pratapgarh in Uttar Pradesh, Haridwar in Uttarakhand, Dhar and Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh, Hanumangarh in Rajasthan, Saraikela in Jharkhand, Kapurthala in Punjab, Jalgaon in Maharashtra, Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, Karimnagar in Telangana, Palakkad in Kerala and Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu.

President Droupadi Murmu to launch Catch The Rain 2023 Campaign in New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023, under various categories of the Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen, Jal Jeevan Mission and National Water Mission, in New Delhi on 4th March 2023, Saturday. During the function, the President will launch the Jal Shakti Abhiyan – Catch the Rain 2023 campaign with the theme of source sustainability for drinking water. She will also launch a video on 'Jal Shakti se Nari Shakti' and a commemorative stamp. The President will also release 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Ki Abhivyakti', which is a compendium of case stories from Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen, Jal Jeevan Mission and National Water Mission.

Indian Railways to launch Bharat Gaurav train to northeast

The Indian Railways is set to launch its first Bharat Gaurav train to the northeast on March 21 which will offer passengers a tour of the region. The train tour will start from Delhi Safdarjung railway station on March 21, 2023 and will cover Guwahati, Sivasagar, Jorhat & Kaziranga in Assam, Unakoti, Agartala & Udaipur in Tripura, Dimapur & Kohima in Nagaland and Shillong & Cherapunji in Meghalaya in 15 days tour.

OBITUARY

Former Chief Justice of India AM Ahmadi passes away at 90 at his home

AM Ahmadi passed away on Thursday at his home here. Ahmadi was the chief justice from 1994 to 1997. Having begun his judicial career as a City Civil and Session Court judge in Ahmedabad, he was the only Chief Justice of India who started at the very lowest rank to rise to the highest position of the Indian judiciary.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Safety Day

The National Safety Day is celebrated every year on March 4 to raise awareness about safety protocols that one should follow in order to avoid accidents and mishaps at the

workplace. The day aims to educate the general public about the measures one should follow to work safely.

The theme of National Safety Day is “Reducing Workplace Accidents”. Each year on March 4, the National Safety Council observes National Safety Day to commemorate the founding and founding principles of the organization.

World Obesity Day

World Obesity Day is observed globally on 4 March as of March 2020 (having previously been observed on the 11th October) with the view of promoting practical solutions to end the global obesity crisis.

It is organized by the World Obesity Federation, a non-profit body which is in official relations with the World Health Organization and is a collaborating body on the Lancet Commission on Obesity. World Obesity states that its aim is to "lead and drive global efforts to reduce, prevent and treat obesity .

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Tata Steel Mining Signs MoU With GAIL For Clean Fuel

In order to reduce carbon footprint in its operations, Tata Steel Mining Limited has signed a memorandum of understanding with GAIL (India) Limited for supply of natural gas to its ferro alloys plant at Athgarh in Odisha's Cuttack district. According to the MoU, GAIL will supply the agreed quantity of natural gas through its pipeline from Gujarat to Athgarh. Signing the MoU, Tata Steel Mining MD Pankaj Satija said, “As a responsible mining company, we are committed to protect the environment by using cleaner fuels and signing of the MoU with GAIL (India) Limited will further help us in this direction.” Furnace oil emits more carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides and sulphur oxides than natural gas does. Natural gas emits 27 per cent less CO₂ and has lower levels of other pollutants,

BANKING AND ECONOMY

RBI imposes Rs 3.06 Crore penalty on Amazon Pay (India)

Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of three crore six lakh sixty six thousand rupees on Amazon Pay (India) Private Limited for non-compliance of certain directions related to Prepaid Payment Instruments and Know Your Customer.

Accordingly, a notice was issued and decision to impose the penalty was taken after considering the entity's response. In a press release, RBI said that the action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the entity with its customers.

Foxconn to invest up to \$1 billion in new Bengaluru plant

Foxconn Technology Group, the Taiwan-based iPhone manufacturer, will set up a 300-acre electronics manufacturing facility in Bengaluru. The company will invest nearly \$700 million, which is likely to generate 1 lakh jobs in the coming years. “Apple phones to be built in a new 300-acre factory in Karnataka. The double-engine governments of PM Narendra Modi and Bommai (Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai) are working to get investments and add jobs,” tweeted Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State, electronics and IT (Meity).

RBI puts restrictions on Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank

The Reserve Bank of India on Friday imposed a Rs 5,000 cap on withdrawals by individual customers from Tamil Nadu-based Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank as part of several restrictions slapped on the lender due to its deteriorating financial condition. The restrictions on the lender will remain in force for six months from the close of business on March 3 and are subject to review, the RBI said in a statement.

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INTERNATIONAL

UK disappointed as Argentina withdraws from Falklands pact

The UK government on Thursday insisted the Falkland Islands remained British as Argentina walked away from a cooperation pact and demanded new talks over their sovereignty. Known as the Malvinas in Spanish, the UK-ruled islands were the subject of a short, but brutal war after Argentina invaded in 1982. Britain drove out the invading force after dispatching a naval armada.

SPORTS

Indian Men's National Hockey Team Appoints South Africa's Craig Fulton as New Head Coach

Craig Fulton, former South African Coach announced as the New Chief Coach of the Men's National Hockey Team of India. The Australian Graham Reid who exit after India's dismal show in the World Cup is replaced by him. He holds coaching experience of more than 25 years. Know how he emerged as a leading coach.

Men's National Hockey Team of India designates Craig Fulton as the new Chief Coach on March 03, 2023 (Friday). The team previously failed to lend the World Cup at home. Craig Fulton has replaced the Australian Hockey Player Graham John Reid who bid farewell after the country's disappointing show in the World Cup.

OBITURY

Former diplomat, Padma Bhushan awardee Chandrashekhar Dasgupta is no more

Chandrashekhar Dasgupta, former Indian diplomat and the recipient of Padma Bhushan, passed away on Thursday at 82. During his almost four-decade-long career, he served as the ambassador to the European Union, Belgium, Luxembourg and China.

He joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1962. He was the high commissioner to Singapore between 1981 and 1984 and Tanzania between 1984 and 1986. Dasgupta also held the vice-chair of the preparatory committees of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), popularly known as the Earth Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Jishnu Barua becomes new chairperson of power regulator CERC

Jishnu Barua has become the new chairperson of power regulator Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC). "Union Minister for Power R K Singh administered the oath of office and secrecy to Jishnu Barua, chairperson, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), here today,"

Barua was chief secretary of Assam from October 2020 to August 2022. Prior to this, he had been additional chief secretary to Assam looking after various departments of the state from August 2017 to October 2020.

IPS officer Rashmi Shukla appointed Director-General of Sashastra Seema Bal

The Central government has appointed Rashmi Shukla, an IPS officer of the Maharashtra cadre as the Director General (DG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), she will be replacing Anish Dayal Singh.

The 1988 batch officer has previously headed the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) as Additional Director General and has been the former Chief of Maharashtra Intelligence Department.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Wildlife Day

On 20 December 2013, at its 68th session, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), in its resolution UN decided to proclaim 3 March, the international day of the adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) on the planet raise awareness and benefits fauna and flora in 1973, as World Wildlife Day. The commemoration was proposed by Thailand to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora.

As this year's theme – 'Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation' – highlights, we need to work across governments, civil society, and the private sector to turn commitment into action. And we need much bolder actions now to cut emissions, accelerate renewables, and build climate resilience.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

ACF confers Grandmaster D Gukesh with Player-of-the-Year award

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh has been honoured with Player-of-the-Year award by the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) for clinching the gold medal with a record-breaking score of 9/11 in the 44th Chess Olympiad at Mahabalipuram last year. In March last year, Gukesh became only the sixth Indian to break the 2700 Elo-rating mark, and the youngest Grandmaster from the country to be rated above 2700.

BOOKS & AUTHOR

"The Book of Bihari Literature" A short Stories collection : by Abhay Kumar

Bihar Minister of Industry, Samir Kumar Mahaseth has recently released a book titled "The Book of Bihari Literature", edited by Abhay Kumar, an Indian poet- diplomat, during Grand Trunk Road Initiatives 3.0(GTRi 3.0) The book is a collection of short stories and poems

written over a period of 2600 years, translated into English from various languages such as Angika, Bajjika, Bhojpuri, Magahi, Maithili, Hindi, Urdu, Pali, Sanskrit, and Farsi.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

SBI completes USD 1 billion syndicated social loan

Country's largest commercial bank, State Bank of India (SBI) on Tuesday announced completion of a \$1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility. This syndicated transaction is significant for SBI and the Indian ESG financing market since it is the biggest ESG (environment, social and governance) loan by a commercial bank in the Asia Pacific and the second-largest social loan globally. Additionally, this is the bank's inaugural social loan and the first syndicated loan in the past five years.

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INTERNATIONAL

NASA And SpaceX Launch Crew-6

NASA's SpaceX Crew-6 was launched into space on March 2, 2023, at 5:34 UTC (11:04 am IST), for a long-duration mission on the International Space Station (ISS). Crew-6 includes NASA astronauts Stephen Bowen and Warren "Woody Hoburg", United Arab Emirates (UAE) astronaut Sultan AlNeyadi, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Andrey Fedyaev. They were launched to the ISS aboard a SpaceX Crew Dragon spacecraft, atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Launch Complex 39-A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

NATIONAL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the eighth edition of the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi. Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni will join the inaugural session as the Chief Guest. The three-day Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-strategy. It is organized by the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with Observer Research Foundation. The theme of the 2023 Edition is "Provocation, Uncertainty, Turbulence: Lighthouse in the Tempest."

PM Narendra Modi Announces Establishment Of 'Startup Bridge' To Boost Strategic Partnership Between India & Italy

In a bid to boost their bilateral ties to a strategic partnership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday announced the establishment of a 'startup bridge' between India and Italy.

Addressing the media after a meeting with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, PM Modi said new opportunities were opening up in India in the sector of co-production and co-development, such as renewable energy, green hydrogen, semiconductors, telecom and space, which can be beneficial for both the countries.

NTPC COMMISSIONS INDIA'S FIRST AIR COOLED CONDENSER AT NORTH KARANPURA SUPER CRITICAL PLANT IN JHARKHAND

The project has been envisaged with Air Cooled Condenser (ACC) which has almost 1/3rd water footprint as compared to a conventional Water Cooled Condenser (WCC). This would result in water saving of around 30.5 mcm annually thus fulfilling the needs of around 1.5 million people in the region annually.

NTPC has already taken a series of measures across its plant locations on sound water management. NTPC will further imbibe the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) for water conservation and management while carrying out its core business activity of power generation. NTPC Ltd, is a signatory to the prestigious UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate.

In a first, Uttarakhand to set up 'mother milk bank'

There's hope for children whose mother dies during childbirth: the Uttarakhand health department plans to set up a 'mother milk bank,' the first such facility in the state. "The facility can bring nutritional elements of mother's milk to the newborn to a great extent," Health Minister Dr Dhan Singh Rawat said

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Tamil Nadu signs MoU with UNEP for implementing urban cooling programme in the State

The Tamil Nadu government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for implementing Urban Cooling Programme in the State to meet the objectives under the Tamil Nadu State Action Plan on Climate Change.

The collaboration between the State government and UNEP will aim address the rapidly increasing demand for cooling in cities while supporting implementation of initiatives to adapt and counteract rising heat.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

India Wins GSMA Government Leadership Award 2023 for Telecom Policy Implementation

India has been awarded the Government Leadership Award 2023 by Groupe Speciale Mobile Association (GSMA) for implementing best practices in telecom policy and regulation. The GSMA represents more than 750 mobile operators and 400 companies in the telecom ecosystem and recognizes one country every year. India was declared the winner in the ceremony held at Mobile World Congress Barcelona.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

HDFC Bank, IRCTC launch India's most rewarding co-branded travel credit card

Indian Railway-backed catering services provider, IRCTC tied up with the largest private sector lender HDFC Bank on Wednesday to launch one of India's most rewarding co-branded travel credit cards. The co-branded card will be called "IRCTC HDFC Bank Credit Card" and will be in a single variant exclusively available on NPCI's Rupay network.

IRCTC HDFC Bank credit card will leverage HDFC Bank's expertise as the market leader in card issuance in the country, offering its best-in-class rewards programme, and IRCTC's unmatched services on train travel.

Axis Bank completes acquisition of Citibank's India consumer business

Axis Bank has completed the acquisition of the India consumer business of the Citigroup-owned foreign bank Citibank for Rs 12,325 crore prior to evaluation of the closing position of Citibank India's assets, assets under management, and liabilities as of January 31, 2023. Post evaluation, the deal is valued at around Rs 11,603 crore. As per this deal, Axis Bank has acquired Citibank's India consumer business from Citibank N.A. or CBNA and the non-banking financial company (NBFC) consumer business from Citicorp Finance (India) Limited or CFIL, according to a recent exchange filing by Axis Bank. The filing - "We now wish to inform you that completion of the acquisition of Citibank's India consumer business from CBNA and the NBFC consumer business from CFIL as going concerns, without values being assigned to individual assets and liabilities for either business shall happen on March 1, 2023."

Axis Bank further said the amount to acquire Citibank India's consumer business is based on the closing position of the latter's assets, assets under management (AUM), and liabilities as of January 31, 2023. The filing added the acquisition of the consumer business of Citibank India is in accordance with the requirements and terms of the agreed contractual documentation and settlement of consideration.

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INTERNATIONAL

Singapore Airlines to get 25.1% stake in Air India Group

Singapore Airlines' (SIA) deal with Tata Sons will inject a further \$267 million into Air India. It will give SIA a 25.1% stake in the Air India Group following its takeover by Tata and merger with Vistara Airlines. The November 2022 deal between SIA and Tata Sons to further inject \$267 million into Air India is one of the key strategic initiatives for future growth mentioned in the quarterly financial report.

NATIONAL

Visakhapatnam Gears Up To Host Global Investors Summit On March 3, 4

Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh is all set to host the Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2023 on March 3 and 4. The Summit is scheduled to be held at the Andhra University Engineering ground in Visakhapatnam. The two-day summit is expected to host over 20 business sessions and several industrial dignitaries are to be present at the summit. The GIS will focus on 13 sectors which will include aerospace, defense, automobile, food processing, electronics, IT, healthcare and medical equipment, textile, infrastructure, tourism, renewable energy, skill development, etc.

SPORTS

Manchester United win Carabao Cup final 2023

Manchester United vs Newcastle Final Highlights, Carabao Cup: Manchester United's six-year wait for a trophy is over after beating Newcastle 2-0 to win the League Cup. United

manager Erik ten Hag has wasted no time in guiding the club to silverware just 10 months after being hired.

Coming soon at Wankhede, a life-size Sachin Tendulkar statue

Ten years after he retired from cricket, a life-size statue of Sachin Tendulkar will be installed inside the iconic Wankhede stadium in Mumbai where he played his final game for India. Cricket officials are hoping the statue will be unveiled during the 50-over World Cup later this year.

There are not many life-size statues of cricketers inside stadiums in the country. There are three separate such statues of the former big-hitting India great C K Nayudu at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium, VDCA Stadium in Andhra and Holkar Stadium in Indore.

WPL 2023: Women To Get Free Entry To Matches In Inaugural Season

The inaugural edition of the Women's Premier League is all set to commence in just three days time with the first match set to be played between Gujarat Giants and Mumbai Indians at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. In a major development, the tournament, comprising of 22 fixtures, has allowed free entry for women and girls. Meanwhile, for men and boys and tickets are being sold at a nominal price of Rs 100 and 400 as per details available on the ticketing website and app.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Twitter Co-Founder Jack Dorsey's Bluesky Social Media App Turns Up On Apple App Store

Jack Dorsey, the co-founder and former CEO of Twitter, has launched a new social media platform called Bluesky. The new app, currently in the testing phase, is available to download for iOS users via Apple's App Store. The Twitter-funded microblogging platform is available as an invite-only beta as of now, and a public launch is expected to be announced soon.

APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION

Godrej Industries appoints Vishal Sharma as CEO-designate of its chemicals business

Godrej Industries has announced the appointment of Vishal Sharma as CEO-designate of its chemicals business effective 1 March 2023. "As a part of the Leadership Team - Succession Planning, we are pleased to inform that we are announcing appointment of Mr. Vishal Sharma as the "Chief Executive Officer- Designate" (CEO-Designate) of GIL-Chemicals Business with effect from March 1, 2023,

Rajesh Malhotra appointed as Principal DG of PIB

Senior Indian Information Service (IIS) officer, Rajesh Malhotra has been appointed as the principal director general of the Press Information Bureau (PIB), according to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. He succeeds Satyendra Prakash, who superannuated on Tuesday. He will be the principal spokesperson of the government of India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Civil Defense Day

On World Civil Defense Day on March 1 every year, the world's attention is on civil protection and preparedness. People need to learn how to prevent, prepare for, and manage emergency situations such as accidents and disasters. The day celebrates the honor and prestige of those in civil protection. It calls on more people to learn about safety measures and protection skills they would need in the case of any form of emergencies, natural or man-made. A famous Civil Defense Day quote is, "We can only hope for the best as long as we are satisfyingly prepared for the worst." Civil Defense Day is all about raising awareness of the need to plan ahead.

World Compliment Day

World Compliment Day is celebrated every March 1 to spread joy through simple verbal affirmations of appreciation. With less focus on providing material representations of appreciation, this day is meant to cost absolutely nothing at all, so everyone can participate! Giving a compliment is easy, whether it's telling someone you like their shoes, or letting them know they're doing a great job — whatever it is, it can change someone's whole day around.

World Music Therapy Day

World Music Therapy Day on March 1 every year is a day for people all around the world to celebrate the healing power of music. People have always known and spoken about the power and benefits of music. Music therapy exists as a clinical field. Music therapists use music to help people, especially children, people with disabilities, people with mental issues, and the elderly. Music therapy is an established health profession where music is used therapeutically to address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs.

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INTERNATIONAL

Elon Musk Regains Top Spot As World's Richest Man On Surge In Tesla Shares

- Elon Musk reclaimed the top spot as the world's richest person, after briefly losing the title to the 73-year-old French tycoon Bernard Arnault. Musk's wealth has seen a rise by nearly 70 per cent surge in Tesla Inc's stock price this year, On Monday, Tesla shares surged 5.5 to \$207.63 at 4 pm in New York, pushing Musk's net worth to \$187.1 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Musk overtook Arnault's \$185.3 billion personal fortune.

Putin Awards 'Friendship' Medal To US Actor And Russian Citizen Steven Seagal For 'Humanitarian Work'

- Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday honoured the American actor Steven Seagal with the state Order of Friendship medal for his contribution to improving Russia's international relations. 70-year-old Seagal was granted Russian citizenship

in 2016 and he received a Russian passport personally from Putin, reported CNN. From then, the actor has been serving as a special envoy of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for humanitarian relations with the US and Japan since 2018,

NATIONAL

Pepsi roped in Ranveer Singh as brand ambassador

- Beverage maker PepsiCo has appointed actor Ranveer Singh as its brand ambassador and also unveiled a new campaign targeting younger consumers as it gears up for a prolonged summer that could help lift sales of cold drinks.

3.7 Magnitude Earthquake Jolts Meghalaya's Tura

- An earthquake of magnitude 3.7 on the Richter scale hit Meghalaya's Tura in the hourly hours of Tuesday, said the National Centre for Seismology, reported news agency ANI. The tremors were felt at 6:57 am, 59 kilometres north of Tura.

SPORTS

Lionel Messi scores 700th career club goal

- The all-time great scored his 700th career club goal in Paris St. Germain's 3-0 win over Marseille. With the goal, Messi became just the second player in history to score 700 career club goals, according to IFFHS (International Federation of Football History and Statistics). The other player to do so is Messi's longtime rival Cristiano Ronaldo.

APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION

Shailesh Pathak appointed as new FICCI Secretary General

- Industry chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Ficci) on Monday announced the appointment of former bureaucrat Shailesh Pathak as its secretary general from 1 March. The industry body said that in a career spanning 37 years, Pathak has worked with the government as an IAS officer as well as helmed large companies in the private sector.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

RBL Bank enters into an agreement with Exim Bank for trade finance

- Private lender RBL Bank on Monday announced it has entered into an agreement with Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank) under Trade Assistance Programme (TAP) to support cross-border trade transactions.

MoU's

Japanese HMI Company Limited has inked an MoU with the Uttar Pradesh

- Japanese hotel chain Hotel Management International (HMI) Company Limited has inked an MoU with the Uttar Pradesh government to develop 30 new hotel with an investment of ₹7,200 crore in the state. The industrial policies of UP are encouraging to the HMI group. The Group will expand its hotel chain in 30 major places including Agra, Varanasi and Ayodhya." He further added that this will also create over 10,000 jobs in the state.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Science Day: India

- National Science Day is celebrated every year in India on 28 February to mark the discovery of the Raman Effect by the Indian physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman. He discovered the Raman Effect on 28 February 1928 and for this discovery, he was honored with the Nobel Prize in Physics subject in 1930.

National Essay Day

- National Essay Day takes place on February 28, the birthday of Michel de Montaigne, who was the author of the first-ever writings called 'essays.' This day encourages students to unleash their inner writers and compose essays on different topics. This lets them explore idea generation and writing freely and without stern academic guidelines and restrictions.

Rare Disease Day

- Rare Disease Day is an observance held on the last day of February to raise awareness for rare diseases and improve access to treatment and medical representation for individuals with rare diseases and their families. The European Organization for Rare Diseases established the day in 2008 to raise awareness for unknown or overlooked illnesses.

World Spay Day

- World Spay Day advocates spaying, or neutering, advocating it "as a proven means of saving the lives of companion animals, community cats, and street dogs who might otherwise be put down in a shelter or killed on the street." It is an event held on the last Tuesday in February each year.

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INTERNATIONAL

India ranked 42 in 55 countries on the International IP Index

- India has ranked 42nd among 55 leading global economies on the International IP Index released by the U.S. Chambers of Commerce. The United States ranks first in the 2023 index, followed by the UK and France. According to the report, India's size and economic influence is growing on the world stage. India is poised to become a leader for emerging markets seeking to transform their economies through IP-driven innovation.

NATIONAL

PM Modi Releases 13th Installment; Rs 16,000 Crore Transferred To Farmers' Account

- PM Narendra Modi on Monday released the 13th installment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana and said Rs 16,000 crore has been transferred to the personal accounts of the beneficiary farmers. "Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, in

one click, 16000 crore rupees have been deposited in the accounts of crores of farmers,” PM Modi said.

Youth 20 India Summit Hosted by Maharaja Sayajirao University, Gujarat

- The Youth 20 India Summit will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat which was attended by more than 600 delegates from 62 countries. The international conference of The Youth 20 India Summit was inaugurated by Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat. The Youth 20 India Summit is organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India to mark the celebration of India's G20 Presidency, the focus would be on 'Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making sustainability a Way of Life'.

SPORTS

Daniil Medvedev win Qatar Open title

- Daniil Medvedev won the Qatar Open in his professional tennis debut by defeating Andy Murray 6-4, 6-4, in the final game between two former No. 1s. In every set, Medvedev converted quick beginnings. In the first, he got to 4-1, and in the second, he got to 3-1.

Aussie Legend To Lead Gujarat Giants In Inaugural WPL, Sneha Rana Named Vice-Captain

- Gujarat Giants, Monday, announced ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 winner Beth Mooney as their captain for inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL 2023), ESPNCricinfo reported. Mooney leading the Giants in WPL 2023 also marks her reunion with ex-Aussie star Rachael Haynes, the head coach of franchise Gujarat Giants. Also, India's star all-rounder Sneha Rana has been selected as the vice-captain.

The BEST FIFA Football Awards 2022 Winners: Lionel Messi Adjudged Best Men's Player, Alexia Putellas Bags Best Women's Player Prize

- Paris Saint-Germain forward and Argentina captain Lionel Messi was adjudged the Best Men's Player at The Best FIFA Awards announced in Paris on Sunday night. Messi beat other finalists Karim Benzema and Kylian Mbappe to get the coveted prize. The 35-year-old seven-time Ballon d'Or Winner produced several memorable performances during Argentina's FIFA World Cup-winning campaign in Qatar last year. The other big individual award was the BEST FIFA Women's Player recognition which went to Alexia Putellas, the Spanish forward. She beat England's Beth Mead and United States' Alex Morgan to get the honour. Putellas had also bagged the prize last year.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik Receives Sportstar's 'Best State for the Promotion of Sports' Award

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik received the 'Best State for the Promotion of Sports' Award at an event in Mumbai on Monday. The award was conferred on the state at the 2023 Sportstar Aces 2023 Awards hosted by The Hindu group.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Jupiter and Venus are destined to come together in a rare conjunction

- Days after the Moon joined the party with Venus and Jupiter, dazzling stargazers across the world, the two planets are set to come closest to each other. The biggest planet in the solar system, Jupiter, and Earth's mysterious twin are set to form a rare conjunction in the skies across the world on March 1.

Nokia changes its logo to mark the start of a new era

- Nokia is ditching the blue color and it's replacing it with whatever is more appropriate given the situation, meaning no specific color scheme is assigned. Lundmark said that Nokia is no longer just a smartphone company, but a "business technology company".

IMPORTANT DAYS

Marathi Language Day

- Marathi Language Day is celebrated on February '27th' every year across the Indian states of Maharashtra. This day is regulated by the State Government. It is celebrated on Birthday of eminent Marathi Senior poet Kusumagraj

World NGO Day

- World NGO Day is observed every year on February 27. N.G.O. is an acronym for non-governmental organization. World NGO Day is a day set aside to recognize, celebrate and honor the fundamental contributions and profound impact that these independent organizations have had on the world. N.G.O.s are nonprofit organizations and although they're a modern phenomenon, their history spans back hundreds of years. Their influence continues to grow and make positive changes where needed in today's world.

International Polar Bear Day

- International Polar Bear Day on February 27 raises awareness on the issues facing polar bears and the ways in which we can reduce our carbon footprint. Climate change is a huge threat to polar bears' existence and it's up to us to take action and protect their future.

Dominican Republic Independence Day

- Dominican Republic Independence Day is celebrated every year on February 27. The first celebration was observed in 1844 and it has been almost two centuries since. The Dominican Republic was under Haitian rule for 22 years before the independence war finally set them free. The Dominican Republic is a Caribbean nation that shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti to the west.

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Los Angeles Sees Rare Snow Storm And Heavy Rain, Causing Large Power Outages

- Heavy snowfall was witnessed in southern California, including hills around Los Angeles which saw the first blizzard in generations while flooding threatened other places. Snow and high winds brought down power lines, resulting in power outages for more than 100,000 customers in California.

NATIONAL

PM Narendra Modi to inaugurate Shivamogga airport in Karnataka on Feb 27

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on his fifth visit to poll-bound Karnataka this year on Monday to inaugurate Shivamogga airport and lay foundation for various development projects in Belagavi. According to an official statement, the Prime Minister will undertake a walkthrough and inspect the airport in Shivamogga. Inauguration and laying of the foundation stone of multiple projects in the district is also part of the programme. The new airport has been developed at a cost of around Rs 450 crore.

Maharashtra observes 56th death anniversary of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

- People of Maharashtra are observing today : 26 Feb the 56th death anniversary of great revolutionary and freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar. The Governor of state Ramesh Bais, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis extended their tributes to the great social reformer.

Earthquake Of Magnitude 4.3 Jolts Rajkot In Gujarat

- A 4.3 magnitude earthquake rattled the Gujarat district of Rajkot on Sunday afternoon, according to the National Center for Seismology (NCS). The quake struck at 3:21 pm at a depth of 10 kilometres.

SPORTS

Australia Defeat South Africa, Seal Their Sixth Women's T20 World Cup Title

- Defending champions Australia continue their enviable dominance in Women's cricket as they defeated South Africa by 19 runs in AUS vs SA ICC Women's T20 World Cup final on Sunday at Cape Town's jam-packed Newlands Stadium. By the virtue of tonight's win, Australia won their sixth T20 World Cup title. This is the second time Australia have done a hat-trick when it comes to World Cup wins in T20 World Cups (2010, 2012, 2014 and 2018, 2020, 2023). For the first time, a men's or women's team has scored a title hat-trick for the second time in an ICC tournament.

Armand Duplantis Sets New Pole Vault World Record In Third Attempt To Clear The Height

- Sweden's Armand Duplantis shattered his own pole vault world record in a World Athletics Indoor Tour Silver meeting in Clermont-Ferrand in France. While the previous record set by the Olympic champion was of 6.21 metres, he added one more centimetre to the tally and cleared the 6.22 metres mark at the All-Star Perche.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

This Natural Dietary Supplement Can Have A Therapeutic Effect On Brain

- A naturally occurring dietary supplement called nicotinamide riboside (NR) can enter the brain and have a therapeutic effect on the organ, according to a new study published in the journal Aging Cell. The research marks the first time it has been determined that NR can enter the brain. Christopher Martens, assistant professor of kinesiology and applied physiology at the Delaware Center for Cognitive Aging Research, and Dr Dimitrios Kapogiannis, a senior investigator at the National Institute on Aging, made this discovery.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Kuwait Liberation Day

- Kuwait Liberation Day is observed annually on February 26. This holiday remembers the day Kuwait was liberated from Iraqi occupation in 1991. The Liberation was the U.S. marshaled military operation — Operation Desert Storm, to recoup Kuwait from Iraq after the 1991 bombing of Iraq.