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INTERNATIONAL

US and Papua New Guinea signed a defense pact

The United States and Papua New Guinea have signed a new bilateral defense cooperation agreement – a move that has sparked controversy in the Pacific Island nation and comes as Washington and China jostle for influence in the region.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Papua New Guinea (PNG) Prime Minister James Marape signed the pact and a maritime security agreement during Blinken's visit to the capital Port Moresby.

Advance text of the agreements were not released by either side, but the new defense cooperation was expected to expand US access to military and other facilities in PNG, bolstering Washington's security ties in the South Pacific.

About: Papua New Guinea - Papua New Guinea is an island country that lies in the south-western Pacific. It includes the eastern half of New Guinea and many small offshore islands.

NATIONAL

Centre signs agreement with 6 states to start digital crop survey

The Center government has signed an agreement with six states of Assam, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to start digital crop survey.

The Digital Crop Survey is part of the government's Agristack or India Digital Ecosystem for Agriculture (IDEA). It was launched in 2020. The agreement was signed at a workshop organized by the Union Ministry of Agriculture to discuss the implementation plan of digital crop survey with the state governments. On the occasion, web portal and mobile application manual for digital crop survey was unveiled.

The workshop discussed the implementation plan of Digital Crop Survey, benefits to various stakeholders, responsibilities of Central Government. The workshop also emphasized on the expectations from the states and support from the Center for effective and successful implementation of Digital Crop Survey.

Govt to issue special commemorative coin of ₹75 to mark the inauguration of new Parliament building

The government will issue a commemorative coin with the denomination of ₹75 to mark the opening of the new Parliament Building. Though commemorative coins are considered legal tender, they are not released for general circulation. One can source them from the specified agencies.

Appearance - The face of the coin will bear the lion capital of Ashoka Pillar in the centre with the legend 'Satyamev Jayate' inscribed below, flanked on the left periphery with the word 'Bharat' in Devnagri script and on the right periphery with the word 'India' in English.

It shall also bear the Rupee symbol '₹' and denominational value '75' in the international numerals below the lion capitol. On the reverse face, the coin shall bear the image of Parliament complex.

SPORTS

Magnus Carlsen Won 2023 Superbet Rapid and Blitz Poland

World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen won the 2023 Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland, the second leg of the Grand Chess Tour (GCT) at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews. GM Magnus Carlsen and GM Jan-Krzysztof Duda fought a memorable and thrilling final round of the Superbet Poland Rapid & Blitz 2023, where the former held his nerve to hold a draw and win the event with a score of 24 points and pocket the top prize of \$40,000 and 13 Grand Chess Tour points. Duda finished second with 23 points for \$30,000 and 10 GCT points, while GM Wesley So and GM Maxime Vachier-Lagrave tied for third and fourth places with 21.5 points to pocket \$22,500 and 7.5 GCT each.

Carlsen began the fifth and final day where he left off from the previous day, extending his winning streak to 7/7. At one point, he even scored a blistering 10.5 points from 11 games between the 14th to 24th rounds. He overtook the overnight leader Duda by the 20th round and extended his lead to two points by the 23rd round. However, Duda caught up to just a point below him at the end of the penultimate round, and Carlsen fended off a spirited challenge from Duda in the final round to draw the game and finish a point ahead of the rest of the field.

OBITUARY

Tina Turner 'Queen of rock 'n' roll' passes away

Tina Turner, the pioneering rock'n'roll star who became a pop behemoth in the 1980s, passes away at the age of 83. She died peacefully after a long illness in her home in Küsnacht near Zurich, Switzerland,

Turner began her career in the 1950s during the early years of rock 'n' roll and evolved into an MTV phenomenon.

About: Tina Turner - Tina Turner was an American-born Swiss singer. Known as the "Queen of Rock 'n' Roll", she rose to prominence as the lead singer of the Ike & Tina Turner Revue before launching a successful career as a solo performer. Turner began her career with Ike Turner's Kings of Rhythm in 1957. Turner also held a Guinness World Record for the largest paying audience (180,000 in 1988) for a solo performer.

Turner won a total of 12 Grammy Awards. These awards include eight competitive Grammy Awards; she shares the record (with Pat Benatar) for most awards given for Best Female Rock Vocal Performance. Three of her recordings, "River Deep – Mountain High" (1999), "Proud Mary" (2003), and "What's Love Got to Do with It" (2012) are in the Grammy Hall of Fame.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

R Dinesh takes over as CII president for 2023-24

The National Council of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) elected R Dinesh, executive vice-chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, as the president of CII for 2023-24. He takes over from Sanjiv Bajaj, chairman and managing director, Bajaj Finserv Limited. TNS

Dinesh is a fourth-generation member of the TVS family. He founded TVS Supply Chain Solutions (formerly known as TVS Logistics) in 1995 and steered the company into a billion-dollar organisation. Under his leadership, the company also expanded into more 50 countries.

As per a statement by CII, Sanjiv Puri, the Chairman and Managing Director of ITC Limited, will assume the role of President-Designate of CII for the year 2023-24.

Rajiv Memani, Chairman of the India region of Ernst & Young (EY), a global professional services organisation, has been appointed as the Vice President.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Jawaharlal Nehru Death Anniversary

The death anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is observed on 27 May every year. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also paid tributes to the first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his 59th death anniversary.

Jawaharlal Nehru had a prominent role in India's freedom struggle. He also went on to become India's first Prime Minister after independence in 1947.

In order to free India from British rule, Mr Nehru fought against the British and was among the key leaders of the Indian National Congress (INC). On May 27, 1964, the first Prime Minister of India took his last breath. He was the PM from 1947 to 1964 till he died at the age of 74. He had a great fondness for kids, and children use to call him Chacha Nehru. Mr Nehru's birth anniversary on November 14 is also celebrated as Children's Day every year in India.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

RBI Approves Merger of Maratha Sahakari Bank With The Cosmos Co-operative Bank

In a significant development, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted its approval for the voluntary amalgamation of Maratha Sahakari Bank, based in Mumbai, with The Cosmos Co-operative Bank Limited, located in Pune.

This approval comes under the authority vested in the RBI by Sub-Section (4) of Section 44A, in conjunction with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

The sanctioned scheme of amalgamation is set to take effect from May 29, 2023. Following the merger, all the branches of Maratha Sahakari Bank Ltd., situated in Mumbai, will operate as branches of The Cosmos Co-operative Bank Limited, located in Pune, starting from the aforementioned date. Maratha Sahakari Bank was under RBI's restriction from August 31, 2016 with cap on deposit withdrawal.

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INTERNATIONAL

Ireland to label alcoholic drinks with detailed health warnings

Ireland says it will become the world's first country to label alcoholic drinks with comprehensive health warnings. These health warnings, which include information about risks like cancer, have received support from the World Health Organization and have been approved by both the European Union and the World Trade Organization. The new policy,

which will be implemented starting from May 22, 2026. This three-year period aims to allow businesses enough time to adjust to the new public health guidelines. Ireland made progress in implementing the health warning labels after overcoming two major obstacles at the European Union and the World Trade Organization. Although the alcohol industry has made significant efforts to hinder the introduction of health warning labels on alcohol products due to their reluctance to disclose the dangers associated with their products to the public. For instance, key members of the European Commissioner for Agriculture's cabinet met with the alcohol giant Diageo shortly after the proposal for health warnings was submitted to the EU.

NATIONAL

Amit Shah lays the foundation stone of Guwahati campus of National Forensic Science University (NFSU) in Assam

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of Guwahati campus of National Forensic Science University (NFSU) in Assam. Along with this, Shri Amit Shah also launched the web portal 'Assam Police Seva Setu' to make the services of the Assam Police more accessible and transparent for the people. A book written by Dr. J.M Vyas on the use of forensic science in judiciary was also released. Several dignitaries including the Chief Minister of Assam Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma were present on the occasion.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government of India is establishing a network of National Forensic Science University across the country, the goal of the country in the direction of criminal justice is very clear that the conviction rate is to be taken ahead of the rate of developed countries, It is the world's 11th and the country's 10th NFSU centre, NFSU- Guwahati will benefit North-East India as well as many countries along the eastern border like Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Indonesia.

Arunachal Pradesh government to set up Institute for Transforming Arunachal with NITI Aayog

Arunachal Pradesh government will set up Institute for Transforming Arunachal (ITA) with the help of NITI Aayog to take the development of the state to the next level. This was disclosed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post. Mr Khandu held a meeting in Itanagar yesterday to discuss the formation of the ITA in presence of Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein. Mr Khandu said that the Institute for Transforming Arunachal would act as transformation leader for the state, provide assistance to various departments to advance their development strategies and unlock their potential. This will further boost the ease of living for the people and will have hassle-free access to various services. He said that leakages and spillovers will also be checked by bringing in more transparency and accountability in the system and service delivery mechanism.

MoCA launches UDAN 5.1, designed for helicopter routes

Following four successful rounds of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) and with the version 5.0 of the fifth round underway, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched UDAN 5.1 to further enhance the connectivity to remote areas of the country and achieve last mile connectivity through helicopters.

In a first for RCS-UDAN, this round specifically focuses on helicopter routes, offering new opportunities for operators to expand their operations. One notable change is that routes will now be permitted even if only one of the origin or destination locations is in a priority area, compared to the previous requirement of both points being in priority areas.

To make helicopter travel more affordable, airfare caps have been reduced by up to 25 percent for passengers. Additionally, Viability Gap Funding (VGF) caps for operators of both single and twin-engine helicopters have been significantly increased, aiming to enhance the financial viability of operating the awarded routes.

CM Pinarayi Vijayan declares Kerala as total e-governance state

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared the state as a total e-governance state. The chief minister made the declaration at an event organised by the Kerala IT Mission held in Thiruvananthapuram. district, Kerala has achieved this milestone through a series of policy initiatives aimed at transforming the state into a digitally-empowered society. With a focus on a knowledge-based economy and 100% digital literacy, the government has digitized the delivery of vital services across various domains, ensuring transparency, inclusivity, and accessibility for all citizens.

Under the comprehensive e-governance framework, Kerala has successfully digitized the delivery of all vital services. Key domains such as health, education, land revenue, documentation of properties, public distribution system, and social security payouts have been integrated into the digital ecosystem.

Kerala's total e-governance initiative emphasizes the inclusion of all sections of society, including the less privileged and marginalized. By digitizing service delivery, the government has made it easier for citizens, regardless of their socio-economic background, to access essential services.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Harsh Jain, founder of start-up Dream11, elected IMAI chairperson

Harsh Jain, co-founder, and CEO of Dream Sports, has been elected the chairman of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) for 2023-25. He replaces Sanjay Gupta, vice president and country manager of Google India.

IAMAI has also announced that Rajesh Magow, co-founder and group CEO of MakeMyTrip, and Satyan Ganjwani, vice chairman of Times Internet, have been elected the vice chairman and the treasurer of the association. The two will replace Shivnath Thukral, Meta's director and head of India public policy, and Harshil Mathur, CEO and co-founder Razorpay, The new 24-member Governing Council and the new Executive Council of the IAMAI will take charge from the present councils at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The IAMAI Governing Council election is held every two years. Eighty-three members of the IAMAI contested the elections this year following the end of the two-year tenure of the previous council.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

India, ADB sign \$141.12 million loan for industrial corridor development in Andhra Pradesh

The Indian government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Thursday signed a \$141.12 million loan agreement aimed at supporting the development of high-quality internal infrastructure in three industrial clusters in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The loan will be utilized to enhance road networks, water supply systems, and electricity distribution networks, fostering industrialization and job creation in the targeted areas. The funds will be utilized to strengthen industrial infrastructure in the Visakhapatnam node, including the development of internal infrastructure in the Rambilli and Nakkapalli industrial clusters spanning 160 hectares and 441 hectares, respectively. By adopting a multi-sectoral approach, the ADB financing aims to boost manufacturing, improve competitiveness, and increase the manufacturing sector's contribution to Andhra Pradesh's gross domestic product.

Axis Bank launches Sarathi platform for easy PoS onboarding of merchants

Axis Bank launched 'Sarathi,' a first-of-its-kind digital onboarding journey for merchants to adopt Electronic Data Capture (EDC) or Point of Sale (PoS). Unlike the time-consuming traditional onboarding process, which can take several days, Sarathi offers merchants a streamlined and hassle-free experience, the company, The system enables merchants to finish the onboarding process in four simple steps, which are as follows:

- Real-time database checks for speedier application processing.
- 2) Live video verification to authenticate merchant information at his/her convenience.
- 3) It removes the field verification procedure, allowing for quick decision-making.
- 4) PoS installation is completed immediately.

The paperless onboarding procedure eliminates the need for merchants to fill out documents or wait to have their PoS terminals installed, Sarathi's features include immediate status updates, eliminating the need for follow-up visits, and the ability to transact on the same day their application is processed.

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INTERNATIONAL

Bangladesh-US joint naval exercise begins in Chattogram

The Joint Bangladesh-US Naval drill Exercise 'Tiger Shark 40' started at BNS Nirvik in Chattogram, The objective of the exercise is to increase strategic capabilities of both the countries and to acquire mutual technical and procedural knowledge. It is being undertaken to improve the existing good relations between the armed forces of the two countries,

Special Forces of Bangladesh Army and Navy and US Special Forces participated in this training exercise held under the management of Commodore Swords Command.

NATIONAL

P M Narendra Modi flags off Uttarakhand's first Vande Bharat Express train

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the inaugural run of Vande Bharat Express train from Dehradun to Delhi through video conferencing. This will be the first Vande Bharat to be introduced in Uttarakhand. The Prime Minister will also dedicate the newly electrified rail line sections in Uttarakhand. The state will have its entire rail route 100 percent electrified with this. Trains run by electric traction on the electrified sections will result in increase in speed of trains and enhance haulage capacity.

The 'Kavach' -Automatic Train Protection System, an indigenous Indian automatic train protection system, is installed in every Vande Bharat train, which boosts the train's overall security parameter. Further, the trains are environment friendly in various ways.

SPORTS

Sreeshankar wins gold, Jeswin takes silver at International Jumping Meeting in Greece

Murali Sreeshankar and Jeswin Aldrin made it one-two for India in men's long jump at the International Jumping Meeting, a World Athletics Continental Tour bronze level event, in Kallithea, Greece,

Sreeshankar grabbed gold with a season-best of 8.18m (wind speed: +0.6m/s) in his final attempt. The 24-year-old, who won silver at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham last year, started with a jump of 7.94m before recording 8.17m, 8.11m, 8.04m and 8.01m in the following attempts. He had won the gold last year as well with a best jump of 8.31m.

Jeswin finished second and grabbed silver with 7.85m (wind speed: 0.5m/s). The 21-year-old, who is the national record-holder, started with 7.81m before achieving his best in the second attempt. His next three jumps read 7.74m, 7.74m and 7.79m while the last one resulted in a foul.

Jeswin set a new national record of 8.42m at the Indian Open Jumps Championships at the Inspire Institute of Sports, Bellary, early this year in March. With that jump, he also qualified for 2023 World Athletics Championships.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' puts India among top supercomputing league

The AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT', installed at C-DAC, Pune has been ranked 75th in the world. It was declared so in the 61st edition of Top 500 Global Supercomputing List at the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) in Germany. It puts India on top of AI Supercomputing nations worldwide. The system is installed under National Program on AI by Government of India.

The AIRAWAT PoC of 200 AI Petaflops integrated with PARAM Siddhi – AI of 210 AI Petaflops gives a total peak compute of 410 AI Petaflops Mixed Precision and sustained compute capacity of 8.5 Petaflops (Rmax) Double Precision. The peak compute capacity (Double Precision, Rpeak) is 13 Petaflops."

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Justice S Vaidyanathan appointed as acting chief justice of Madras High Court

President Droupadi Murmu appointed Justice S Vaidyanathan as the Acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court, with effect from May 25. The appointment comes after the retirement of present Acting Chief Justice T Raja.

S Vaidyanathan is expected to perform the duties of Chief Justice until the Centre decides on Supreme Court Collegium's recommendation to appoint a Chief Justice for Madras HC. The SC has recommended the appointment of Bombay High Court's Additional Chief Justice SV Gangapurwala as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court.

About: S Vaidyanathan – Justice S Vaidyanathan was born on August 17, 1962 in Coimbatore. He did his schooling at Singaram Pillai High School in Villivakkam. He received an economics degree from DG Vaishnav College in 1982 and got BL degree from Madras Law College (now known as Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College).

IMPORTANT DAYS

World thyroid day

World thyroid day is celebrated every year on 25 May and it is an annual event for all countries since thyroid disease is a global health concern and we all need to stay aware of its consequences on our bodies. It is better to stay aware and have knowledge about a health concern than neglect the symptoms and put your life in danger.

25 May was chosen as the date of the world thyroid day celebration because the European Thyroid Association (ETA) was established on this day. ETA was the first to celebrate World Thyroid Day and later the American Thyroid Association (ATA) declared its support for the day in the year 2010.

Theme - The theme for this year is 'Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer', to combat the low awareness rates worldwide.

About: Thyroid - Thyroid is a small, butterfly-shaped gland in the front of the neck. It makes hormones that control the way the body uses energy. These hormones affect nearly every organ in the body and control many of body's most important functions.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Tamil Nadu government signs six MoUs with Singapore

Tamil Nadu government agencies and various organisations in Singapore signed six memoranda of understanding (MoUs) in the presence of Chief Minister M K Stalin and Singapore's Minister for Transport and Minister in-charge of Trade Relations, S Iswaran. Guidance Tamil Nadu, the investment promotion agency of the State government, and Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries have signed an MoU for research and development (R&D) initiatives, collaboration between universities, government and private players, as well as assistance in exports from companies in Tamil Nadu.

One of the MoUs regarding a proposal to open an electronics spare parts unit was signed between Guidance Tamil Nadu and Hi-P International with an investment of Rs 312 crore. The unit will potentially generate employment opportunities for over 700 persons. Another MoU was signed with the Singapore University of Technology and Design for technology transfer.

The State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) signed an MoU with Singapore-India Partnership Office (SIPO) for cooperation between the two. Another MoU was signed between SIPO and FaMe TN (Facilitating MSMEs of Tamil Nadu) and Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) towards technical education and start-ups. Further, the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation signed an MoU with ITE Education Services for technology transfer and skill development.

Goa inks MoU with Uttarakhand to enhance Tourism Cooperation

The governments of Goa and Uttarakhand have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance the tourism landscape of both the states. The signing of the MoU was held in the presence of Rohan Khaunte, Minister for Tourism, IT, E&C, Printing and Stationary, Government of Goa, and Pushkar Singh Dhama.

The MoU is aimed at promoting bilateral cooperation in the travel and tourism sector and facilitating travel between the states to increase the number of tourists visiting Goa and Uttarakhand respectively. The signing of this MoU between the officials of the two states marks a significant step towards promoting tourism in Goa and Uttarakhand and showcasing India's rich cultural diversity to the world, aligned with the 'Dekho Apna Desh' initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The initiative aims to encourage people to witness and experience the rich heritage and vivid culture of India.

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NATIONAL

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated new building of Jharkhand High Court

President Droupadi Murmu is on a three-day visit to Jharkhand starting on 24th May 2023. Inaugurated the new building of the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi, Ranchi is the capital of the Indian state of Jharkhand. And also was the centre of the Jharkhand movement,

On 25th May, Thursday, President Murmu will grace a conference of more than 500 Women Self Help Groups organized by Tribal Affairs Ministry at Khunti.

She will also preside the 2nd convocation of Indian Institute of Information Technology in Ranchi. The President will also attend a civic reception to be hosted in her honour.

UP government inaugurated online education program 'Pahal' for rural children

Chief secretary Durga Shankar Mishra inaugurated an online rural education programme 'Pahal' at Government UP Sainik Inter College, Sarojini Nagar, Lucknow, This programme has been prepared by the department of secondary education in collaboration with IIT Kanpur

The initiative aims to provide educational opportunities to rural children who have limited access to quality education. Pahal' is designed to bridge the education gap between rural and urban areas. Under this program, in the initial phase, free online education will be provided in 10 government secondary schools of the state. Through these classes, students of rural areas will be able to get the latest information related to science and mathematics.

The Chief Secretary said that the online rural education initiative is a new and good beginning.

About UP - Uttar Pradesh is a state located in the northern part of India, It is the most populous state in India as well as the most populous subdivision in the world, The state was officially established in 1950.

SPORTS

3rd Khelo India University games start in Gautam Budh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh

Third Khelo India University games started with the Kabaddi event on 23rd May 2023 evening in Gautam Budh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh. with over 4,000 athletes and officials from 207 universities across the country participating in 21 disciplines.

The official inauguration ceremony will be held today, 24th May in Lucknow in which the Prime Minister Narendra Modi took part virtually.

Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur and Chief minister Yogi Adityanath also took part in the inaugural function. Reviewing preparations for the Khelo India University Games, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath yesterday directed the officials to ensure that the event to be grand and create a unique image of Uttar Pradesh in the field of sports.

This edition of KIUG promises an exciting addition with the introduction of water sports.

The serene Taal Lake in Ramgarh, Gorakhpur, will serve as the venue for a gripping rowing contest. This inclusion reflects the organizers' commitment to diversify and expand the range of sporting disciplines, offering athletes unique opportunities to showcase their talent and passion.

OBITUARY

TV actor Nitesh Pandey dies due to heart attack at the age of 51

Television actor Nitesh Pandey, who gained popularity with Starplus show, Anupamaa, died due to a heart attack today. The 51-year-old actor suffered cardiac arrest in Igatpuri, Maharashtra,

In 1990, Nitesh Pandey started acting in plays. Nitesh Pandey has appeared in serials including 'Manzilein Apani Apani', 'Astitva...Ek Prem Kahani', 'Saaya', 'Justajoo', and Durgesh Nandini. He also worked on the films like 'Om Shanti Om' and 'Badhaai Do'. The actor, who has been an established name on Indian television for the past 20 years, was most recently seen 'Anupamaa'. He played Dheeraj Kumar, the best friend of Gaurav Khanna, who played Anuj Kapadia.

Nitesh was born and raised in Almora, Uttarakhand. He got married to Arpita Pandey, an actress whom he had first met on the television show Justajoo. In 2003, the couple tied the knot. Nitesh was also previously married to actress Ashwini Kalsekar.

Renowned Telugu writer Kethu Viswanatha Reddy passes away

Noted writer and novelist Kethu Viswanatha Reddy passed away. He was 84. According to reports, he suffered cardiac arrest on Monday morning and was rushed to a nearby hospital. But doctors couldn't save his life and the writer breathed his last in the hospital. Kethu Viswanatha Reddy hails from Rangasaipuram of Erraguntla mandal of YSR district in Andhra Pradesh was living in Kadapa for long. Started his career as a journalist, Viswanatha

Reddy shifted to teaching profession and retired as Director of Ambedkar Universal University.

He has won several awards and honours for his literary works including the Kendra Sahitya Akademi award. His major works include Anaadivaallu, Kethu Viswanatha Reddy Kathalu, Verlu - Bodhi, Icchagni, Japtu, Drishti, Deepadaarulu, Parichayam, Patrikeyam, Sangamam and Mana Kodavatiganti.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

IDBI Bank appoints Jayakumar S. Pillai as Deputy Managing Director

IDBI Bank approved Jayakumar S. Pillai as Deputy Managing Director on the Board of the bank, The company announced through an exchange filing. The bank's board of directors approved the appointment for a period of three years from the date of his taking charge as approved by the RBI.

Jayakumar S. Pillai has 32 years and 7 months of experience in Canara Bank. He has headed branches in various scales across different geographies and has rich experience in branch banking, mobilization of retail resources, Credit delivery in sectors like Retail, Agriculture, MSME and Recovery. He has also worked as Chief Executive of Canara Bank's UK operations for over 4 years and gained experience in International banking.

he also worked as Wing Head in the Bank's mid corporate credit department in HO. Worked as Chairman of Bank's Credit Committee at HO as well as Chairman of General Manager's Credit approval committee-thus gained experience in RAM sectors, Corporate Credit, handling of stressed assets. He is presently working as Chief General Manager and Circle Head in Canara Bank, Mumbai.

Paytm Payments Bank gets RBI nod to re-appoint Vijay Shekhar as part-time chair for 1 year

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its nod to Paytm Payments Bank for the re-appointment of Paytm CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma as part-time chairman for a year, according to a regulatory filing by the fintech firm to the stock exchanges.

About: Vijay Shekhar Sharma - Vijay Shekhar Sharma is an Indian technology entrepreneur and multimillionaire business magnate. He is the founder chairman, managing director of One97 Communications founded in 1997 and its consumer brand Paytm which he started in 2010.

One97 holds a 49 per cent stake in PPBL and Sharma holds the rest of the stake in the entity. Paytm's consolidated net loss narrowed to ₹168.4 crore in the fourth quarter of FY23, compared to a loss of ₹761.4 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Odisha government signs MoU with Infosys, Nasscom; to boost employability of students

The Odisha Government's Higher Education Department has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Infosys Limited and Nasscom to enhance the skills and employability of students in Higher Education Institutions in Odisha. This collaboration aims to provide learning and employment opportunities for students and promote equal access to education for passionate individuals, equipping them for the future,

Infosys, in line with its ESG Vision 2030, has set a goal to enable digital skills on a large scale and empower more than 10 million people across India from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds by 2025 through its programme called Infosys Springboard. As part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts.

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NATIONAL

Shri Amit Shah inaugurates Janganana Bhavan in New Delhi

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated Janganana Bhavan in New Delhi, Shri Amit Shah also launched the web-portal for birth and death registration, the upgraded SRS mobile application for geofencing, and the web-portal for online sale of census publications. Many dignitaries including Union Ministers of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai and Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra, and Union Home Secretary were present on the occasion.

Census data is helpful in making the basic plan of development and providing basic amenities to the underprivileged and exploited, All-round and all-inclusive development of the country can be done only through data-based planning and for such data we have no other means except census.

Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, will now conduct the census electronically, in which every person will have the right to fill the data, it will be verified and audited and it will include more than 35 parameters of socio-economic status. The government is going to make such arrangements that as soon as a person turns 18, the Election Commission will take information from him and make his voter card, in case of death of someone, the census registrar will send the information to the Election Commission and his name will be removed from the voter's list

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates and lay foundation stone of projects worth 2 thousand 50 crores rupees in Rajasthan

Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of six National Highway projects and 7 ROBs in Rajasthan. Mr. Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of these projects in a program held in Omprakash Jyani Stadium at Pakka Saharan in Hanumangarh district. These projects cost about 2 thousand 50 crores rupees.

- Gadkari inaugurated Bikaner to Suratgarh, Nagaur to Bikaner, and Fatehpur to Jhunjhunu two-lane paved shoulder highways. The total length of these highways is 275 kilometers and Rs 987 crore has been spent on them .
- Union Minister also laid the foundation stone of two-lane highway works from Hanumangarh to Kenchia, Fatehpur Bypass, Mandawa Bypass and Jhunjhunu Bypass, and Rajgarh, Pilani Bypass. Rs 1 thousand 76 crores will be spent on these projects.

With these projects, access to the international border will be easy which has a strategic importance. Also, travel between Rajasthan and Punjab will be easy and traffic between Hanumangarh and Bikaner will be smooth. Along with this, tourism will get a boost in the northwest region of the state.

Indian Railways hands over 20 Broad Gauge Locomotives to Bangladesh

In order to further strengthen bilateral relationship, 20 Broad Gauge (BG) locomotives were virtually flagged off to Bangladesh in a handing over ceremony held at Rail Bhavan New Delhi, by Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways. From the Bangladesh end, Minister of Railway, Md. Nurul Islam Sujan also joined in virtually. The event was attended by Shri A.K.Lahoti, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, Board Members, senior officials of Railway Board and delegates of Bangladesh.

The handing over of these diesel locomotives, under grant assistance from the Government of India, fulfills an important commitment made during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina to India, in October, 2019. In keeping with the requirements of Bangladesh Railway, the locomotives have been suitably modified by the Indian side. These locomotives will help handle the increasing volume of passenger and freight train operations in Bangladesh.

SPORTS

Neeraj Chopra creates history, becomes world number 1 in men's javelin throw rankings

Tokyo Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra on 22 May has claimed number one ranking in men's javelin for the first time, which is a major career milestone for him.

Neeraj Chopra has topped the charts with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Grenada's Anderson Peters. On 30 August, 2022, the Indian javelin throw ace rose to World No. 2, but was stuck behind Peters, the reigning world champion, since then.

In 2022, Neeraj won the Diamond League 2022 finals in Zurich in September, which made him the first Indian athlete to do so, The Indian national record holder in men's javelin throw, competed in the season-opening Doha Diamond League on May 5 and finished first with a throw of 88.67m. Anderson Peters finished third in Doha with a distance of 85.88m. Neeraj will now compete at the FBK Games 2023 on June 4 in the Netherlands and confirmed his participation at the Paavo Nurmi Games 2023 in Turku, Finland, on June 13.

Sania Mirza roped in as Tennis Ambassador for Sony Sports Network

Sony Sports Network has announced the exclusive onboarding Sania Mirza as the Tennis Ambassador for Sony Sports Network, who will be seen as an expert panellist on the network. Sony Sports Network is the home to three out of the four Grand Slams, the Australian Open, Roland-Garros, US Open, along with the Davis Cup, making it the Home of Tennis in India.

Sania will now also serve up expert insights off the court on Sony Sports Network's Extraa Serve. The Arjuna Award, Padma Shri, Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award and Padma Bhushan recipient will be seen on the Sony Sports Network starting with the Roland-Garros on 28th May 2023.

Sony Sports Network has launched a special campaign called Home of Tennis. The campaign showcases Sania Mirza, Sony Sports Network, and the three Grand Slams as a match made in heaven and celebrates her journey as she dons the hat of an expert after retiring from playing tennis

Adidas named as the new India cricket team kit sponsor

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced that Adidas will be the new kit sponsor of the Indian team. Adidas replaced Kewal Kiran Clothing Ltd, maker of Killer Jeans, which came in as interim sponsor after the then-sponsor Mobile Premier League Sports (MPL Sports) pulled out of the deal midway.

About: Adidas - Adidas is a German multinational corporation that designs and manufactures athletic shoes, apparel, and equipment. The company is headquartered in Herzogenaurach, Germany, and is the largest sportswear manufacturer in the world. Adidas has been involved in cricket for many years, and is the current kit sponsor for the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA)

OBITUARY

Actor Sarath Babu passes away at 73 due to multiple organ failure

Veteran actor Sarath Babu, who was last seen in Pawan Kalyan's Vakeel Saab, passed away at a private hospital in Hyderabad. Sarath Babu (73) was undergoing treatment for multi-organ failure and was on a ventilator.

Sarath Babu was unwell for a while and earlier this month his condition worsened and he was taken to the AIG Hospitals in Hyderabad. Sarath Babu contracted sepsis which impacted his kidneys, lungs, liver, and other organs, after which the actor was put on a ventilator.

About: Sarath Babu - Sarath Babu was born in Amadalavalasa, Andhra Pradesh in 1951 and his birth name was Satyanarayana Dixit. He changed his name to Sarath Babu after stepping into the film industry in 1973. Sarath Babu made his acting debut with his first Telugu movie called Rama Rajyam. Subsequently, after a span of four years, in 1977, he marked his entry into Tamil cinema with Pattina Pravesam, a film directed by K Balachander.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Turtle Day

Every year, World Turtle Day is marked on May 23 to help people understand the importance of turtles and tortoises. Turtles are vital to the marine environment. They control the population of jellyfish, and sponges, and maintain the length of the seagrass, which provides oxygen to the ocean. Their eggshells help enrich coastal vegetation. Turtle hatchlings are food for raccoons, birds and fish. On the other hand, tortoises live on land. They have bigger, heavier shells and are not able to swim. Turtle populations around the globe are gradually declining due to habitat destruction, artificial lighting, turtle trade, climate change and pollution.

History - World Turtle Day was founded by the American Tortoise Rescue (ATR), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and welfare of turtles and tortoises. The event was first celebrated in 2000, making 2023 the 24th anniversary of the observance.

Theme - 23rd May 2023 marks the observance of the 23rd World Turtle Day. The theme of World Turtle Day 2023 is "I Love Turtles".

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

2nd meeting of G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) begins in Mumbai

The second meeting of the G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) began in Mumbai today. The meeting aims to mitigate the impact of disasters on vulnerable communities by identifying opportunities and examining creative financing mechanisms. The three-day meeting will be attended by government officials, industry experts, private sector representatives, and stakeholders from over twenty countries.

Akashvani correspondent reports that the National Disaster Management Authority in collaboration with various knowledge partners has organised a day-long side event titled 'Financing Disaster Risk Reduction' at the margins of the 2nd DRR Working Group meeting. The overall objective of the side event will be to deliberate on cross-country arrangements related to disaster risk financing, the existing policy and institutional frameworks, arrangements for alternate risk instruments and public-private partnerships and the role of social protection system in reducing the impact of disasters on the most vulnerable population groups.

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INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA Arrive in Saudi Arabia, Kickstarting AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023 Naval Exercise

Marking a significant milestone in the growing defense cooperation between India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the INS TARKASH, the flagship frigate of the Indian Western Naval Fleet, along with the INS SUBHADRA, an offshore patrol vessel, arrived at Port Al-Jubail today. The visit of these ships signifies the beginning of the harbor phase of the second edition of the naval exercise between the two nations, known as 'AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023.' This year, the naval exercise also includes the participation of a maritime patrol aircraft. The inaugural edition of the exercise was successfully conducted in 2021.

Commissioned on November 9, 2012, INS TARKASH is a state-of-the-art stealth frigate of the Talwar class. Equipped with advanced weapon-sensor technology, the vessel possesses the capability to address threats in all dimensions. Its design incorporates stealth technologies and a specialized hull for reduced radar cross-section.

Accompanying INS TARKASH is the INS SUBHADRA, a patrol vessel of the Sukanya class. This vessel has served as a test bed for the Dhanush ship-launched ballistic missile, as well as associated stabilization and launch platforms.

Bhupender Yadav Inaugurates Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management in Dehradun

The Prime Minister of India during the 14th Conference of the Parties (COP-14) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on 9th September 2019,

announced the establishment of Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management (CoE-SLM) at the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.

Aim - The CoE-SLM, located at the ICFRE in Dehradun, aims to restore degraded land by providing technical support, capacity building, and knowledge sharing at the national and sub-national levels. By collaborating with developing countries that are party to the UNCCD, the CoE-SLM seeks to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets, promote south-south cooperation, and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outlined by international conventions.

Ministry Of Education And World Bank Host Unique Workshop On School-To-Work Transition For STARS Program

Ministry of Education and World Bank organised a one of its kind workshop on School-to-Work Transition under the STARS Program in Mumbai. The workshop was co-chaired by Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, School Education and Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The workshop was also attended by the Secretaries of Education and Skill Department of the six STARS states i.e. Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh along with the State Project Directors of Samagra Shiksha, respective officers, and representatives from the World Bank.

One of the key components of STARS program is strengthening of Vocational Education and School-to-Work Transition. The workshop focused on discussion on a Skill Gap analysis of the six STARS States and Uttar Pradesh along with convergence of vocational and skill.

Madhya Pradesh becomes first state to provide free air travel to pilgrims

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state to provide free air travel facilities to senior citizens for yatra (holy pilgrimage), as 32 people flew from Bhopal to Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh. The 32 elderly people, comprising 24 men and eight women are going as part of the state's Mukhyamantri Tirth-Darshan Yojana, which was introduced in 2012, and elderly persons were sent on free pilgrimages by special trains. CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan flags off the first batch to Prayagraj.

As recently Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that air travel facility will also be included in this scheme and launched the programme on Sunday morning at Bhopal's Raja Bhoj Airport.

Shawls and coconuts were also presented as a token of honour to those pilgrims. It is noteworthy, that both the lodging and travel expenses for this trip are covered by the state government.

V.P Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurates Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Kerala Legislative Assembly building

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar today inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Kerala Legislative Assembly building in Thiruvananthapuram. While addressing the event, the Vice President said that Kerala is known for its forward-thinking, and the Legislative Assembly of Kerala has credit for many progressive legislations. He urged the legislators to protect this legacy by addressing the contemporary needs of society.

Mr. Dhankhar also released a souvenir of the Kerala Legislature International Book Festival and laid the foundation stone of various developmental projects on the legislative assembly premises. This is Jagdeep Dhankhar's first visit to the state as the Vice President of India. The Vice President also visited Kannur to meet his teacher, Ms. Rathna Nair, at her residence in Thalassery.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for Biological Diversity

The International Day for Biological Diversity, celebrated on May 22, is a global observance that highlights the importance of biodiversity and its crucial role in sustaining life on Earth. This day serves as a reminder of the incredible diversity of species, ecosystems, and genetic resources that make our planet unique. It is a time to reflect on the web of life and recognise the intricate connections between humans and the natural world.

History - In 2000, the UN General Assembly officially proclaimed May 22 to be the International Day for Biodiversity (IDB). The date was chosen to celebrate the adoption of the initial text of the CBD, on May 22, 1992. Thanks to its efforts, the Convention has participants from nearly all countries.

Theme - The theme for International Day for Biological Diversity 2023 is "From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity." This theme reflects the urgent need to move beyond commitments and translate them into tangible actions to restore and protect biodiversity.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

PM Modi honoured with the highest civilian award of Fiji and Papua New Guinea

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with the highest honours by Fiji and Papua New Guinea. PM Modi was conferred with the island nations' highest civilian awards during his recent visit to Papua New Guinea to attend the third India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit.

PM Modi was conferred with the "The Companion of the Order of Fiji" by his Fijian counterpart Sitiveni Rabuka for his global leadership, in a rare honour for a non-Fijian. PM Modi was also conferred with the Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu (GCL). This is the highest civilian award of PNG - recipients of the award are titled "Chief".

On the occasion of the visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with the highest civilian honours by several nations, thus also reflecting India's growing ties with countries around the world.

BOOKS & AUTHOR

Assam Governor releases book 'Partitioned Freedom' authored by Ram Madhav

Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria released a book titled 'Partitioned Freedom' written by Ram Madhav at an event in Guwahati and said that India has always been looked upon as a land of wealth and wisdom.

The book 'Partitioned Freedom' offers profound insights into the events that took place during 1905 and the pre-independence era. It explores and answers the questions raised because India, which defeated the British designs to partition one province, failed when the whole country was being partitioned 4 decades later.

Ram Madhav is an Indian politician, author and thinker who served as the National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

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India's First Commercial Flight Powered By Indigenous Sustainable Aviation Fuel Flies From Pune To Delhi

India's first commercial passenger flight using indigenously produced Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) blend was successfully flies From Pune To Delhi.

Flight I5767 flew from Pune to Delhi powered by SAF blended aviation turbine fuel (ATF) supplied by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) in partnership with Praj Industries, which provided the technology for the blend.

Praj Industries has developed the fuel in partnership with the US-based biofuels company Gevo Inc., which has developed a breakthrough alcohol-to-jet (ATJ) technology for the production of SAF using sugarcane molasses as feedstock. The SAF samples produced at Praj Industries' research & development facility underwent detailed testing at IOCL laboratories before being cleared for the special flight.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) - SAF is a biofuel used to power aircraft that has similar properties to conventional jet fuel but with a smaller carbon footprint. Depending on the feedstock and technologies used to produce it, SAF can reduce life cycle GHG emissions dramatically compared to conventional jet fuel.

HM Amit Shah to inaugurated and lay foundation stone of various civic projects worth Rs 360 crore in Ahmedabad

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah commissioned 320 buses of the State Road Transport Corporation in Ahmedabad, He also inaugurated and lay the foundation stone of various civic projects worth 360 crore rupees,

Among the projects inaugurated include a gymnasium and library in the Naranpura ward of the city and a redeveloped lake at Chharodi village in Ahmedabad.

Apart from this, the Minister also inaugurated a modern organic testing laboratory for Amul-fed Dairy in Gandhinagar. Mr. Shah also inaugurated a national convention of the Modi community in Ahmedabad.

Telangana Home Minister launches 'SAHAS' an initiative towards making workplaces safer for women

In Telangana, SAHAS, an initiative towards making workplaces safer for women has been launched . The Home Minister Mohamood Ali formally launched the initiative.

SAHAS, which means Courage, is a programme that aims at strengthening the support ecosystem for women who face workplace sexual harassment.

Under the initiative, the SAHAS Microsite, SAHAS Sathi Chatbot, SAHAS Whatsapp Number, Forum and online support facilities were launched in Hyderabad.

DGP Women Safety Wing, Shikha Goel, who conceptualised the SAHAS initiative, stated that the State has the largest percentage of working women in the country, and this could

only be possible due to the positive atmosphere prevailing in Telangana. She also stated that **“SAHAS, is the first of its kind initiative in the country,** involving a collaboration.

SPORTS

Italian Open: Daniil Medvedev beats Holger Rune to win first ATP clay-court title

Daniil Medvedev claimed his first clay-court title and sixth ATP Masters 1000 crown with a victory over Holger Rune in the final of the Italian Open. The match, which was delayed by rain, saw Medvedev deliver a consistent and clean-hitting performance to defeat Denmark's Holger Rune 7-5 7-5 in a gripping men's Italian Open final.

About Daniil Medvedev - Daniil Sergeyevich Medvedev is a Russian professional tennis player. He is currently ranked as the world No. 3 in men's singles by the Association of Tennis Professionals, and was ranked as the world No. 1 for 16 total weeks. Medvedev has won 20 ATP Tour singles titles, including the 2021 US Open and 2020 ATP Finals.

Italian Open: Elena Rybakina clinches women's singles title

In Italian Open Tennis, Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan won the title defeating Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina 6-4, 1-0, last night. This was Rybakina's second title of the year. After rain backed up play for much of the day, 7th seed Rybakina took the trophy when 30th seed Kalinina was unable to continue after 65 minutes. Kalinina retired from the final due to a left thigh injury.

About: Elena Rybakina - Elena Andreyevna Rybakina is a Kazakhstani professional tennis player. She is the reigning champion at Wimbledon and the first Kazakhstani player to win a title at a major.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Tea Day – UN

International Tea Day is observed annually on May 21 to celebrate the cultural and economic significance of tea or chai where the day aims to promote and raise awareness about the diverse aspects of tea, including its history, production, consumption and health benefits.

History - The idea of observing an International Tea Day was proposed by India at the 2015 UN Food and Agriculture Organization's Intergovernmental Group on Tea meeting held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The proposal was supported by several tea-producing countries, and on December 21, 2019, the United Nations declared May 21st as International Tea Day. Tea has a long history and holds immense cultural and economic importance in various countries. It is one of the most widely consumed beverages globally and plays a significant role in many societies. International Tea Day serves as an opportunity to recognize and promote sustainable tea production, fair trade practices, and the livelihoods of millions of people involved in the tea industry, including farmers, workers, and tea traders. Various campaigns and initiatives are undertaken to educate the public about the health benefits of tea, sustainable tea farming practices, and the positive impact of fair trade in the tea industry.

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – by UN General Assembly

The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed across the globe annually on May 21. The day celebrates the richness of the world's cultures and highlights the important role of intercultural dialogue in achieving world peace and sustainable development.

The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development provides an opportunity for world leaders and the common people to promote culture and highlight the significance of its diversity to induce positive change and promote inclusion. The saying urges people to celebrate culture's manifold forms, from the tangible to the intangible.

History - The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development was established by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 2002, following UNESCO's adoption of the 2001 Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity.

Since parts of the world are witnessing conflicts due to cultural differences, the day marks an important event to initiate dialogue on the acceptance and protection of diversity in artistic expression.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

NGEL and HMEL sign MoU; HMEL to source 250 MW Renewable Energy from NGEL

NTPC Green Energy Ltd. (NGEL) and HPCL Mittal Energy Ltd. (HMEL) sign MoU; HMEL to source 250 MW Renewable Energy from NGEL .

In order to realize green energy and green hydrogen objectives and the GOI's efforts towards energy transition, NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) and HPCL Mittal Energy Limited (HMEL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi today. The MoU was signed by Shri V. V. Sivakumar, GM(NGEL) and Shri Girish Ghildiyal, GM(HMEL) in the presence of Shri Mohit Bhargava, CEO(NGEL) and Shri Harak Banthia, CFO (HMEL). The MoU envisages to collaborate in the field of Renewable Energy through sourcing of 250 MW RE-RTC (Round-The-Clock) power to meet the requirement of HMEL and also exploring opportunities in the Green Hydrogen business & its derivatives (Green Ammonia & Green Methanol).

About NTPC - NTPC is India's largest Power Utility with core business of power generation having a total installed capacity of 72 GW (including JVs and subsidiaries). As part of increasing its renewable energy portfolio, a fully owned subsidiary has been formed as "NTPC Green Energy Limited" (NGEL) which shall take up Renewable Energy Parks and Projects including business in the area of Green Hydrogen, Energy Storage Technologies, and Round the Clock RE Power.