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National News

PM Modi To Launch PM-PVTG Mission And Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra On Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

On November 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch the PM-PVTG Development Mission, a groundbreaking scheme aimed at fostering the comprehensive development of approximately 28 lakh people belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). This significant event is scheduled to coincide with the birth anniversary celebration of the revered tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda, observed as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas for the past three years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Two-Day Visit to Jharkhand

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to make history by becoming the first Prime Minister to visit Ulihatu Village, the birthplace of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. This monumental visit is scheduled for November 15th, where the Prime Minister will pay homage at the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Park cum Freedom Fighter Museum in Ranchi. On the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, PM Modi will kickstart the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.' This initiative underscores the Prime Minister's commitment to ensuring the saturation of flagship government schemes, reaching every targeted beneficiary in a timely manner. During the celebration, PM Modi will launch the 'Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PM PVTG) Development Mission.' With a budget of approximately Rs 24,000 crores, this mission aims to uplift 75 PVTGs residing in 220 districts across 18 states and UTs.

FATF On-Site Review in India: Evaluating Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terror Financing Framework

A team from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), headquartered in Paris, has commenced on-site review meetings in India. The objective is to assess the country's legal framework in place to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The FATF team, consisting of over a dozen members, including Secretariat officials and domain experts, arrived in Delhi in early November. The on-site visit, spanning approximately two weeks, involves meetings with senior government officials and private sector representatives. The team is expected to engage with entities such as the Department of Revenue, Enforcement Directorate, Narcotics Control Bureau, National Investigation Agency, and financial regulators.

India To Become World's Third-Largest Economy By 2027: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently addressed the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue, highlighting India's remarkable economic trajectory amidst global challenges. She predicted that by 2027, India would surpass Japan and

Germany to become the world's third-largest economy, underlining the resilience of the Indian economy amid global uncertainties. Despite global headwinds, Sitharaman emphasized that India's economic growth is estimated to be just under 7%, the highest among major economies. She pointed out that even conservative estimates from the IMF indicate India's ascendancy to the position of the world's third-largest economy by 2027, with a GDP crossing the USD 5 trillion mark.

Solar-Powered 'Ramayana' Vessels to Navigate Saryu River in Ayodhya

In a remarkable initiative, two solar-powered 'mini-cruise' ships are set to commence operations in the sacred Saryu River in Ayodhya, just ahead of the inauguration of the Ram Temple in January next year. Varanasi-based Alaknanda Cruise, under the leadership of director Vikas Malviya, will pioneer this unique service, providing an immersive experience centered around the life and teachings of Lord Ram. The introduction of solar-powered 'Ramayana' vessels along the Saryu River represents a harmonious blend of tradition and modernity.

India Achieves Historic Milestone in Patent Grants: 41,010 Patents in 2023-24

In a significant development, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced that the Indian patent office has achieved an unprecedented milestone by granting a record-breaking 41,010 patents in the current fiscal year, up until November 15. This remarkable figure starkly contrasts with the 2013-14 fiscal year when only 4,227 patents were granted. Minister Piyush Goyal took to the social media platform X to share the news, emphasizing the historical significance of this achievement. He hailed the accomplishment as the "highest ever number of patents granted so far in 2023-24," highlighting the remarkable progress India has made in fostering innovation.

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International News

Unprecedented Seismic Activity in Iceland Sparks Concerns

The Iceland Met Office has issued a stark warning of a “considerable” likelihood of a volcanic eruption in the coming days, following a series of seismic events that have rattled the country. This seismic activity has prompted the declaration of a state of emergency in Iceland. On November 10, Iceland experienced an extraordinary swarm of earthquakes, with a staggering 800 quakes hitting the southwestern Reykjanes peninsula in less than 14 hours. Over the preceding 24 hours, a total of 1,400 earthquakes were recorded, adding to the already alarming tally of 24,000 seismic events since late October. The most potent quake, measuring 5.2 in magnitude, struck approximately 40 km from Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju to Represent India at Maldives President’s Swearing-In

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju has arrived in the Maldives to represent India at the swearing-in ceremony of Maldives President-elect Mohamed Muizzu. The ceremony is scheduled to take place on November 17 in the capital, Male. Mohamed Muizzu, a close associate of former Maldives President Abdulla Yameen, secured victory in the presidential runoff held in September, defeating the incumbent Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. Yameen’s presidency saw close ties with China, raising expectations of a potential shift in Maldives’ foreign policy.

Economy News

Morgan Stanley Forecasts Robust 6.5% Growth for India’s Economy in FY24 and FY25

In its recently released “2024 India Economics Outlook,” Morgan Stanley Research predicts that India’s economy will experience substantial growth, hovering around 6.5% for both FY2024 and FY2025. The investment bank attributes this positive outlook to the country’s resilient domestic fundamentals, strong corporate and financial sector balance sheets, and the impact of recent policy reforms. Morgan Stanley highlights the resilience of India’s economy amid global uncertainties. Strong corporate and financial sector balance sheets contribute to the positive outlook. Policy reforms have a positive impact on the economic landscape.

India’s Wholesale Price Index (WPI) Records Seventh Consecutive Month of Deflation in October

India’s Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation rate continued its downward trend, reaching a three-month low of -0.52% in October. This marks the seventh consecutive month of deflation, with various factors contributing to the sustained negative trajectory. The persistent deflation in factory gate prices can be attributed to the high base effect and declines in the prices of several key sectors. Notably, chemicals, chemical products, electricity, textiles, basic metals, food products, and paper and paper products have experienced reductions in prices compared to the same period in the previous year.

DGFT Forecasts Explosive Growth in Indian E-commerce Exports, Aiming for \$200 Billion in 6-7 Years

India’s Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) predicts a remarkable surge in the country’s e-commerce exports, projecting a potential rise from the current \$1.2 billion to an impressive \$200 billion within the next six to seven years. The DGFT, Santosh Kumar Sarangi, shared these insights at the ‘E-commerce Exports’ conference organized by Ficci, underlining the vast potential inherent in India’s e-commerce sector.

Rankings & Reports News

Greenhouse Gas Concentrations Soar to Record Highs in 2022, Prompting Urgent Calls for Action

The United Nations’ World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has issued a stark warning, revealing that greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere reached unprecedented levels in 2022. The surge in the three primary culprits – carbon dioxide (CO2), methane, and nitrous oxide – sets the stage for intensified climate impacts, including soaring temperatures, extreme weather events, and rising sea levels. Despite persistent warnings from the scientific community and numerous climate conferences, WMO Chief Petteri Taalas expresses deep concern, stating that humanity is still “heading in the wrong direction.”

BofA Survey Highlights Japan and India as Preferred Markets in Asia Pacific

In a recent fund manager survey (FMS) conducted by Bank of America (BofA), Japan and India emerged as the most favored markets in the Asia Pacific region. The survey revealed that Japan holds the top position with a net 45 percent overweight, followed by India at 25 percent. In contrast, Thailand, China, and Australia are perceived as less attractive, with net underweight figures of 13 percent, 9 percent, and 9 percent, respectively.

Business News

Jio and OneWeb Secure Licenses for Satellite Internet Services

In a significant leap forward for the telecommunications landscape in India, the Department of Telecom (DoT) has granted Internet Service Provider (ISP) licenses to Jio Satellite Communications and OneWeb. This developmental follows a year after both companies obtained permits to offer satellite communication services, marking a crucial milestone in their efforts to revolutionize internet connectivity. The newly acquired ISP licenses empower Jio Satellite Communications and OneWeb to provide internet services by seamlessly integrating satellite capabilities with terrestrial networks. Additionally, they can utilize Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) technology to establish direct connections with end consumers. This move reflects a commitment to bridging the digital divide and expanding internet access to previously underserved regions.

Asia-Pacific Airlines Aim for 5% Green Fuel Usage By 2030

The Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (AAPA) has announced a groundbreaking target for its 14 member airlines, including newly inducted Air India, to achieve 5% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) usage by 2030. This move aims to address the aviation industry's carbon emissions challenges, signaling a significant demand for sustainable fuel production. Despite the commendable goal, the aviation industry faces challenges such as limited SAF availability and cost implications. The AAPA emphasizes the need for a comprehensive approach, stressing that the industry is "feedstock and pathway agnostic." This means that sustainable feedstock for aviation fuel is available globally in the form of waste, agricultural and forestry residues. However, the transition requires support from oil majors, as well as governmental subsidies and incentives.

GAIL Completes World's Inaugural Ship-To-Ship LNG Transfer

In a groundbreaking move, Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), the country's leading gas firm, has successfully executed the world's first ship-to-ship liquefied natural gas (LNG) transfer. This innovative approach aims to reduce shipping costs and cut emissions significantly, marking a pivotal moment for GAIL as it explores unconventional methods to enhance its business operations.

Agreement News**India And ADB Ink \$400 Million Deal For Urban Infrastructure Development**

India has taken a significant step towards the development of high-quality urban infrastructure with the signing of a \$400 million policy-based loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The agreement, aimed at improving service delivery and promoting efficient governance systems, underscores the nation's commitment to fostering planned and sustainable urbanization.

India and US Strengthen Innovation Ties with Landmark Pact

India and the United States have taken a significant step to boost collaboration among startups and promote innovation through a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed on November 14 in San Francisco. This partnership, established under the framework of the India-US Commercial Dialogue, aims to enhance innovation ecosystems and address regulatory challenges in the startup landscape. The MoU focuses on fostering collaboration between India and the US in the startup ecosystem, addressing regulatory obstacles, and sharing best practices for fundraising by entrepreneurs. The ultimate goal is to promote innovation and job growth, particularly in critical and emerging technologies (CET) as identified under the India-US initiative for Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET).

Appointment News**Supreme Court Welcomes Three New Judges to Tackle Pending Cases**

In a significant development, the Supreme Court of India has expanded its judicial strength by welcoming three new judges. This move, coming at a time when pending cases are nearing a critical mark, reflects the court's commitment to addressing the persistent challenge of backlog. Let's delve into the details of this noteworthy development. The recent induction of three judges has taken the Supreme Court's judicial strength to its sanctioned capacity of 34. This is crucial for ensuring that the court has the necessary manpower to handle the multitude of cases that come its way. Delhi High Court Chief Justice Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, and Rajasthan and Gauhati Chief Justices Augustine George Masih and Sandeep Mehta were sworn in as Supreme Court judges within three days of the apex court Collegium recommending them. The expedited appointments align with the Collegium's intent to address the perennial issue of pending cases.

Former PM David Cameron Appointed As The UK Foreign Secretary

Rishi Sunak, upon his return from the Deepavali celebrations in his hometown of Southampton, U.K., made waves in the political landscape by resurrecting the political career of former U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron, appointing him to the role of Foreign Secretary. Cameron brings a wealth of experience, having served as the country's leader from 2010 to 2016. His tenure as Prime Minister was marked by the divisive Brexit referendum, ultimately resulting in the U.K.'s departure from the European Union. He served as the Leader of the Conservative Party from 2005 to 2016, and held the position of Leader of the Opposition from 2005 to 2010.

Mika, the AI-Powered Robot, Takes the Helm as CEO of Dictador

In a groundbreaking move, Dictador, a Polish beverage company, appointed Mika, an AI-powered humanoid robot, as its experimental CEO in August of the previous year. This decision highlights a growing trend in integrating artificial intelligence into leadership roles. Mika, described as a more sophisticated version of the well-known AI robot Sophia, shared in a Reuters video interview that she operates tirelessly, being "always on 24/7" and working seven days a week. Her responsibilities range from identifying potential clients to selecting artists for designing bottles for the rum producer. Mika emphasizes her decision-making process, relying on extensive data analysis aligned with the company's strategic objectives. This approach aims to ensure unbiased and strategic choices that prioritize the organization's best interests, devoid of personal bias.

Biden Appoints Indian American Shakuntla Bhaya To The Administrative Conference of US

US President Joe Biden has recently announced several key appointments, including the notable selection of Indian American Shakuntla L Bhaya to serve in a crucial role. According to the White House, Bhaya has been appointed as a member of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States. Shakuntla L Bhaya, a co-owner of the Law Offices of Doroshov, Pasquale, Krawitz & Bhaya, a statewide Delaware law firm, brings a wealth of legal experience to her new role. Her legal practice is dedicated to representing individuals who have suffered serious injuries due to unsafe decisions made by businesses and individuals. Bhaya's commitment to justice and advocacy is reflected in her work over the years, earning her a reputation as a dedicated and accomplished legal professional.

Uttar Pradesh Cadre IPS officer Alok Sharma Named New Chief Of SPG

Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Alok Sharma has been appointed as the new director of the Special Protection Group (SPG), the elite security unit responsible for safeguarding the Prime Minister. This crucial appointment comes in the wake of the unfortunate demise of SPG chief Arun Kumar Sinha in September. Alok Sharma, who currently serves as the additional director general of SPG, assumes the leadership role with immediate effect, according to a government order approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Alok Sharma hails from the Uttar Pradesh cadre of the IPS and brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise in the realm of law enforcement. His stellar career trajectory and commitment to duty have positioned him as a fitting choice for heading the SPG, a role that demands utmost dedication and strategic acumen.

Banking News**IndusInd Bank Pioneers as First Live Financial Information Provider under RBI's Account Aggregator Framework**

In a groundbreaking move, IndusInd Bank has achieved the significant milestone of becoming the inaugural bank to go live as a 'Financial Information Provider' (FIP) under the recently introduced 'Account Aggregator Framework' by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

1. Revolutionizing Customer Empowerment:

IndusInd Bank's live integration as an FIP marks a revolutionary stride in customer empowerment through technological innovation.

2. Comprehensive Financial Insights:

Customers can now enjoy an array of benefits, including the ability to view account statements, track deposits, plan investments (such as shares, mutual funds, insurance, EPF, PPF), and avail credit cards, all through a unified window.

3. Pathbreaking Initiative by RBI:

The RBI's introduction of the Account Aggregator Framework is acknowledged as a groundbreaking step, offering individuals and small to mid-sized businesses seamless access to services that cater to their diverse financial requirements.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Appoints Ashok Vaswani As MD & CEO

The Board of Directors of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. made a significant announcement on Friday, appointing Ashok Vaswani as Managing Director & CEO, and a key managerial personnel of the bank. This appointment is set for a three-year term, commencing from January 1. At 62, Ashok Vaswani brings with him an impressive track record spanning over three-and-a-half decades. His journey began at Citigroup, where he laid the foundation for his expertise. Further he contributed significantly during his tenure at Barclays. His professional trajectory has been defined by his ability to build and grow global businesses at scale.

Science & Technology News**6th India-OPEC Energy Dialogue High-Level Meeting Held In Vienna, Austria**

The 6th High-Level Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue took place on 9 November 2023, at the OPEC Secretariat in Vienna, Austria. The co-chairs of the meeting were HE Haitham Al Ghais, Secretary General of OPEC, and HE Hardeep Singh Puri, Honourable Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs of the Republic of India. The open and candid discussions during the meeting were centered around crucial issues related to oil and energy markets. The emphasis was particularly on ensuring availability, affordability, and sustainability to guarantee the stability of energy markets globally.

Popular Video Chat Service Omegle Shuts Down After 14 Years

Omegle, a once-popular online chat service founded in 2009 by Leif K-Brooks, has recently announced its shutdown after more than 14 years of operation. The platform, which allowed individuals to connect and talk with strangers, experienced a surge in popularity but ultimately faced challenges that led to its demise.

Google Introduces AI Chatbot Bard For Teenagers

Google is taking a significant step in catering to the educational needs of teenagers with the launch of its AI chatbot, Bard. In a blog post by Tulsee Doshi, Google's Product Head for Responsible AI, the company outlined its commitment to creating a secure and engaging learning experience for younger users. While the minimum age for managing a Google Account is 13, the accessibility of Bard will be subject to regional regulations, which may set slightly higher age benchmarks. The AI chatbot has undergone training to identify and filter out unsafe content, prioritizing the well-being of its young users.

Schemes and Committees News**'Hello Naariyal' Call Centre Launched By CDB**

In a significant move to support coconut farmers and enhance coconut cultivation practices, the Coconut Development Board (CDB) has recently launched the "Hello Naariyal" Friends of Coconut Trees (FoCT) call centre facility. This initiative aims to provide valuable assistance to farmers in various aspects of coconut harvesting and plant management operations. The launch event witnessed the presence of key dignitaries, including C.F. Joseph, Advisor, Horticulture, Priya Ranjan, Joint Secretary (Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture) and Prabhat Kumar, Horticulture Commissioner and CEO of CDB. The primary objective of the "Hello Naariyal" initiative is to create a dedicated platform to address the needs of coconut growers, offering expert guidance and serving related to coconut cultivation.

Awards & Honors News**Pakistan-Based Startup She-Guard Wins Top Climate Innovation Competition**

In a groundbreaking achievement, Pakistan-based cleantech startup She-Guard emerged victorious at the 'ClimateLaunchpad Asia-Pacific' finals, showcasing their innovative biodegradable and plastic-free sanitary product. The startup's mission is to transform banana crop waste into affordable, eco-friendly sanitary napkins, addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change, public health and solid waste management in Pakistan. She-Guard faced stiff competition with 172 other teams from six countries in the Asia-Pacific in the finals. The event hosted by national partner Centre4 Creativity & Sustainability, and funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland (Irish Aid), served as a platform for climate innovators to present their solutions.

Salman Rushdie Honored With First 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award'

World-renowned author Salman Rushdie, celebrated for groundbreaking works like 'The Satanic Verses,' received the inaugural 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' from the Vaclav Havel Center. Simultaneously, Egyptian activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah was honored with the 'Disturbing the Peace Award for a Courageous Writer at Risk' during a ceremony held on November 14. Rushdie's presence at the event was unexpected, with only a handful of the 100 attendees aware of his attendance. Having recently received the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade, Rushdie humorously pondered on which side of "the fence" this new accolade placed him. Recently, Rushdie unveiled the publication of his latest book titled 'Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder.'

96th Oscars: Jimmy Kimmel to Host Academy Awards for the Fourth Time

The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences has announced that Jimmy Kimmel will return as the host for the 96th Academy Awards in 2024, marking his second consecutive year and fourth overall. This decision comes after

Kimmel's successful stint in 2023, where the ceremony garnered 18.7 million viewers, the highest since the pre-pandemic broadcast in 2020. In the aftermath of the 2022 Oscars, marred by the controversial incident of Will Smith's slap directed at Chris Rock, Kimmel took the helm for the 2023 ceremony. His approach was cautious, contributing to the stabilization of the Academy Awards after years of turmoil. This shows how Kimmel's hosting style played a crucial role in restoring the prestige of the Oscars.

JSW Bids Award to Develop Greenfield Port in Karnataka For Rs 4,119 Crore

JSW Infrastructure, a key player in the Indian port sector and part of the JSW Group, has recently announced the reception of a letter of award for the development of a state-of-the-art, all-weather, deep-water greenfield port at Keni in Karnataka. The port project, valued at Rs.4,119 crore, is set to be executed through a public-private partnership. This significant development is poised to enhance maritime infrastructure and boost trade in the North Karnataka region. JSW Infrastructure outlined the key features of the proposed Keni Port, emphasizing its modern, environmentally friendly, mechanized facilities designed for handling cape-size vessels. The initial phase will witness a capacity of 30 million tonnes per annum (MTPA), with substantial potential for expansion in the long run. Keni Port is strategically located between Mormugao Port in the north and New Mangalore Port in the south, contributing to its significance in the region.

Important Dates News**Children's Day 2023: Date, History, Significance and Quotes**

Children's Day in India is a special occasion celebrated every year on November 14th. This date was chosen to honor the birthday of India's first prime minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, a leader who deeply cherished children and believed in their potential to shape the nation's future. This day, known as Bal Diwas, is dedicated to raising awareness about children's rights and well-being. The theme of this year's Children's Day, 'For every child, every right', underscores the commitment to uphold the rights of every child worldwide. It calls for a collective effort from individuals, communities and governments to create a nurturing environment that fosters the physical, mental and emotional development of the younger generation.

World Philosophy Day 2023 Celebrates on 16th November

World Philosophy Day, observed annually on the third Thursday of November, stands as a testament to the enduring significance of philosophy in the development of human thought, cultural enrichment, and individual growth. This year World Philosophy Day observed on 16th November. Organized by UNESCO, this day emphasizes philosophy's inspiring influence as both a discipline and an everyday practice capable of transforming societies and fostering intercultural dialogue. The theme for World Philosophy Day 2023 is "Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World".

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2023: Date, History and Significance

Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked the celebration of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' at Birsa College, Khunti, Jharkhand, on 15th November 2023. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, also known as Tribal Pride Day, is celebrated to honor the birth anniversary of the revered tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda. This occasion also witnessed the release of the 15th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, reflecting the government's commitment to support farmers and promote inclusive agricultural development.

International Students Day 2023 Observed on 17 November

International Students' Day 2023, observed worldwide on Friday, November 17, is a special occasion that acknowledges the resilience and contributions of students globally. This celebration is particularly significant for those studying abroad, facing the challenges of navigating new cultures, languages, financial hurdles, and homesickness. As we mark International Students' Day, let us reflect on the beauty of diversity and unity. Interacting with people from various backgrounds not only enriches our lives but also cultivates empathy and understanding. This day serves as a reminder that, as human beings, our differences are what make us stronger. This day holds historical importance as it commemorates the Nazi invasion of a university in Prague in 1939.

World Prematurity Day 2023: Date, Theme, Significance

Premature birth is a significant global health concern, often leading to infant deaths and various health complications. Recognizing the gravity of this issue, World Prematurity Day is observed annually to raise awareness about the challenges faced by premature babies and their families. Every year, World Prematurity Day is observed on November 17. In 2008, European Parent organizations united to establish this international awareness day for preterm birth (A preterm birth is characterized by babies being born alive before the completion of 37 weeks of pregnancy). Since 2011, it has been celebrated globally as World Prematurity Day, a term coined by March of Dimes. This year, the special day falls on a Friday, providing an opportunity for communities worldwide to come together and make a collective impact. The global theme for this year's World Prematurity Day is "Small actions, big impact: Immediate skin-to-skin care for every baby everywhere," which underscores the significance of simple yet powerful actions that can make a substantial difference in the lives of premature babies.

Sports News**Virat Kohli Breaks Sachin Tendulkar's Record for Most Centuries In An ODI**

In a historic moment at the ongoing ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, Virat Kohli, the Former Indian cricket captain, achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the first batter in the world to score 50 One Day International (ODI) centuries. In doing so,

he surpassed the iconic Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 centuries, solidifying his place as the leading century-scorer in ODI cricket. Virat Kohli's extraordinary performance at the World Cup includes not only reaching the 50th century milestone but also surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's record for the most runs in a single World Cup. Kohli surpassed Tendulkar's 673-run mark set during the 2003 World Cup, showcasing his consistency and dominance on the world stage. Virat Kohli's 49th ODI century was a special one as it coincided with his 35th birthday. On this occasion, he demonstrated his prowess by facing South Africa's formidable bowling lineup with resilience, emphasizing his ability to rise to the occasion in crucial matches.

Shami Becomes First Indian Bowler To Claim Seven Wickets In A Single ODI Cricket Match

In a historic display of skill and precision, Mohammed Shami etched his name in cricketing history by becoming the first Indian bowler to pick seven wickets in a One Day International (ODI). This extraordinary feat unfolded during India's World Cup semifinal clash against New Zealand in Mumbai on Wednesday. Shami's stellar performance saw him conclude with figures of 7/57, a display of bowling excellence that played a pivotal role in India's triumph over New Zealand. This remarkable achievement surpassed the previous best by Stuart Binny, who held the record with figures of 6/4.

Virat Kohli's wax statue to be installed in Jaipur Wax Museum

In a decision resonating with the euphoria of India's semi-final victory in the Cricket World Cup and Virat Kohli's extraordinary feat of completing 50 centuries in one-day cricket, a wax statue immortalizing the star cricketer is poised to join the distinguished ensemble at the Wax Museum within Jaipur's Nahargarh Fort. The first glimpse of this tribute to Virat Kohli has been revealed through the clay model, capturing the essence of his aggressive cricketing persona. Over the course of the next month, skilled artisans will meticulously craft the complete wax statue, ensuring an accurate and lifelike representation. Kohli's aggressive image on the cricket field has been meticulously incorporated into the statue's design.

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Obituaries News

Sahara Group Founder Subrata Roy Passes Away at 75 After Prolonged Illness

Sahara Group's visionary founder and chairman, Subrata Roy, breathed his last at the age of 75 in a Mumbai hospital. The news comes after a prolonged battle with illness, as stated in an official company announcement. Born in Bihar's Araria in 1948, Subrata Roy's remarkable journey began in 1978 when he initiated Sahara India Pariwar with a mere capital of ₹2,000. The company's evolution over the years positioned it as a leader in entrepreneurship, according to information on Sahara's website. After relocating from Bihar to Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, Subrata Roy later moved the headquarters of Sahara Group to Lucknow in the 1990s.

Renowned Novelist A.S. Byatt Passes Away at 87

Acclaimed British novelist Antonia Susan Byatt, widely known as A.S. Byatt, passed away at the age of 87. With a literary career spanning almost six decades, Byatt left an indelible mark on the literary world. Her notable work, "Possession: A Romance," earned her the prestigious Booker Prize in 1990. Byatt, the sister of novelist Margaret Drabble, drew parallels with the Brontes, establishing herself as one of the most significant writers and critics of her time.

Renowned Art Historian BN Goswamy Passed Away At 90

Renowned art historian and prolific writer, B. N. Goswamy, breathed his last at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh on Friday at the age of 90. His passing marks the end of an era in the world of art scholarship and leaves behind a legacy that has enriched the understanding of Pahari paintings. "It wasn't a prolonged lingering illness. He was having a problem breathing for the last one month, but that was about it," said a family member. The swift nature of his decline highlights the suddenness of his departure, leaving the art community in shock and mourning. Born on August 15, 1933, B. N. Goswamy was not only a Padma Shri but also a Padma Bhushan awardee, receiving recognition for his invaluable contributions to the field of art history. His niche expertise lay in the Pahari style of paintings, and his body of work has been a cornerstone for scholars and enthusiasts alike.

Defence News

Rajnath Singh to Participate in 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus in Jakarta

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to attend the 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM Plus) in Jakarta, Indonesia, spanning from November 16th to November 17th, as announced by the Ministry of Defence. During the event, Singh will engage in bilateral meetings with the Defence Ministers of the participating countries. These

one-on-one sessions will be dedicated to addressing and discussing various aspects of defence cooperation. The release from the Defence Ministry emphasizes that the ADMM serves as the preeminent defence consultative and cooperative mechanism within ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

Indian Navy Launches 4th Anti-Submarine Warfare Craft, named 'Amini'

On 16th November 2023, a significant milestone in India's naval capabilities was achieved as 'Amini,' the fourth of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) Project, was successfully launched at M/s L&T Shipbuilding in Kattupalli. The Launch Ceremony, presided over by Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani, Chief of Materiel, showcased the culmination of efforts towards indigenous shipbuilding. In adherence to maritime traditions, Mrs. Manju Naithani played a crucial role in launching the ship. The vessel was named 'Amini' to underscore the strategic maritime importance attributed to the island of Amini in Lakshadweep, positioned about 400 kilometers west of Kochi.

Joint Military Exercise "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" Begins in Pune

The ninth edition of the Joint Military exercise, known as "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023," kicked off in Aundh (Pune). Running from November 16th to 29th, 2023, the exercise aims to strengthen cooperation between the Indian and Sri Lankan military forces. Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023 represents a significant step in promoting collaboration and understanding between India and Sri Lanka. It emphasizes the importance of joint military efforts and modern techniques in addressing challenges, ultimately contributing to regional security and stability.

Miscellaneous News

Pablo Picasso's 'Woman with a Watch' Sells for Record \$139 Million

Pablo Picasso's famous painting "Femme à la montre" ("Woman with a Watch") sold for a record-breaking \$139 million at a Sotheby's auction in New York on November 8, 2023. The sale makes it the second most expensive Picasso painting ever auctioned, and the most expensive work of art sold at auction this year. The most expensive Picasso painting ever auctioned, "Les femmes d'Alger," reached \$179.3 million in 2015, showcasing the enduring appeal of Picasso's work in the art market. The painting is a portrait of Picasso's lover, Marie-Thérèse Walter, seated in a throne-like chair against a blue background. It was painted in 1932, at a pivotal year in Picasso's career, and is considered one of his most important works.

Cyclone 'Midhili' Makes Landfall On Bangladesh's coast

The Northeast Bay of Bengal is currently under the influence of a cyclonic storm named "Midhili," causing widespread concern and disruptions in the region. Government authorities in several northeastern states have issued alerts following substantial rainfall, and the impact of the storm has been felt across various areas, affecting not only daily life but also cultural events. The cyclonic storm, initially a deep depression over the Bay of Bengal, has escalated into a significant weather event. Mizoram, Tripura, and Assam have experienced varying levels of rainfall, leading to disruptions in the Meghalaya Cherry Blossom Festival on its inaugural day. The adverse weather conditions have prompted government authorities to issue alerts and take precautionary measures.



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