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POLITY

PM MODI INAUGURATES PURVANCHAL EXPRESSWAY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 341-km long Purvanchal Express in Sultanpur district, Uttar Pradesh. The expressway links state capital Lucknow with Ghazipur and has been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 22,500 crore. PM Modi landed on the Purvanchal Expressway airstrip in a military transport aircraft. The key feature of the Expressway is the 3.2 km long airstrip to enable landing and take-off of Indian Air Force fighter planes in case of emergency.

The Purvanchal Expressway starts from village Chaudsarai in the Lucknow district and ends at Haidaria village on National Highway number 31, 18 kilometres east of the Uttar Pradesh-Bihar border.

The expressway is 6-lane wide which can be expanded to 8-lane in the future.

This expressway is set to give a boost to the economic development of the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh especially the districts of Lucknow, Barabanki, Amethi, Ayodhya, Sultanpur, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Mau and Ghazipur.

HOW IS A LAW REPEALED IN INDIA?

Prime minister Narendra Modi announced on November 19, 2021 to repeal all the three farm laws that were passed in 2020.

WHAT DOES REPEAL OF LAWS MEAN?

Repealing a law is the process of nullifying it. Parliament reverse a law, when parliament thinks the law is no longer required.

Legislation can also set a “sunset clause”, which is a particular date after which laws cease to exist.

Laws which are not having a sunset clause, parliament passes another legislation to repeal it.

HOW GOVERNMENT GETS POWER TO REPEAL A LAW?

Parliament is empowered to make laws for any part of India and state legislatures is empowered to make laws for state in accordance with article 245 of the constitution. Article 245 also provide power to repeal a law when it is no longer needed.

HOW IS A LAW REPEALED?

A law is repealed either in parts or in its entirety or just to the extent that it is in contravention with other laws.

PROCESS OF REPEALING A LAW

Laws is repealed in two ways:

Through an ordinance, or

Through legislation.

REPEALING THROUGH ORDINANCE

In case or repealing through ordinance, parliament passes a law to replace it within six months. If ordinance lapses because parliament did not approve it, the repealed law can be revived.

ARTICLE 245

Article 245 of the constitution provides for the extent of laws made by parliament as well as the legislatures of states. This article states that:

Parliament is empowered to make laws for whole or any part of India, while state legislature is empowered to make laws for whole or any part of the state. Laws made by parliament will not be invalid on grounds that it would have extra territorial operation.

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SURVEKSHAN

ANDHRA TOPS IPF SMART POLICING INDEX 2021

Andhra Pradesh Police has topped the 'IPF Smart Policing' Index 2021, among 29 states and Union Territories, released by the Indian Police Foundation (IPF). Andhra Pradesh has secured the first rank with an overall score of 8.11 out of 10.

Sr	State	Score
1	Andhra Pradesh	8.11
2	Telangana	8.10
3	Assam	7.89
4	Kerala	7.53
5	Sikkim	7.18
21	Maharashtra	6.25
29	Bihar	5.74

WHAT IS IPF SMART POLICING SURVEY 2021?

The SMART Policing idea was envisioned, articulated and introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Conference of DGPs of State and Central Police Organizations, held at Guwahati, in 2014 and it envisaged systemic changes to transform the Indian police to be strict and sensitive, modern and mobile, alert and accountable, reliable and responsive, techno-savvy and trained.

The purpose of the IPF survey was to gather information on citizens' perceptions of the impact of the SMART policing initiative and to gauge public perceptions of the quality of policing in India and the level of public trust in the police. The experts from various Institutions of repute, including IIT-Kanpur and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai were involved in this survey.

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SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2021

- Maharashtra has won the highest number of awards in the Central Government's swachh survekshan 2021 and is ranked second in the country. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Development announced the results of this year's 'swachh survekshan 2021' on the 20th November 2021.
- Indore city in Madhya Pradesh is number one in swachh survekshan 2021. Since 2017, Indore city has been ranked number one in the country. Surat is second and Vijayawada is third in swachh survekshan 2021
- Sanitation Survey-2021 Chhattisgarh is the cleanest state, followed by Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- Vita Municipality in Sangli district has been ranked first in the country while Lonavla and Saswad in Pune district have been ranked second and third in the country respectively.

Maharashtra has received 40% of the total awards in the award distribution. The One Star rating covers a total of 147 cities across the country. It has 55 cities in the state. There are a total of 143 cities across the country in the Three Star Rating, including 64 cities in Maharashtra. In the five-star rating, 9 cities across the country were honored with awards, including Navi Mumbai in the state. A check of Rs. 6 crore was given to Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation as a prize. A total of 48 cities across the country were selected among the cities with a population of one million. It includes 10 cities in the state.

Of the 100 cities with a population of one to one million, 27 are in the state. Out of 100 cities with a population of less than one lakh, there are 56 cities in the state and the first 20 cities are in Maharashtra.

HERE IS THE COMPLETE LIST OF AWARD-WINNING CITIES:

- Cleanest City: Indore
- Cleanest Ganga town: Varanasi
- Cleanest State (with more than 100 urban local bodies): Chhattisgarh
- Cleanest State (with less than 100 urban local bodies): Jharkhand
- Cleanest City (with less than one lakh population): Vita city of Maharashtra
- Cleanest small city (1-3 lakh population): New Delhi Municipal Council
- Cleanest medium city (3-10 lakh population): Noida
- Cleanest big city' (10-40 lakh population): Navi Mumbai
- Cleanest cantonment board: Ahmedabad cantonment
- Cleanest District: Surat
- Fastest Mover small city: Hoshangawad, Madhya Pradesh
- Best Small City in Citizens' Feedback: Triputi, Maharashtra
- Top city in Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge: Navi Mumbai

ASER 2021 REPORT

16th Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2021 (Rural) was published by Pratham foundation on November 17, 2021.

HIGHLIGHTS

ASER provides report on schooling status of children in the age group of 5-16 age across rural India including the ability to do basic reading & arithmetic tasks.

This year, ASER followed a phone-based survey format, as field survey was not possible due to covid-19 pandemic.

Survey was conducted during September-October 2021.

It tries to find out how children in aged between 5-16 studied at home since the onset of covid-19 pandemic as well as challenges that schools & households now face in the backdrop of opening up of schools.

KEY FINDINGS OF THE REPORT

Important findings of the ASER 2021 report are as follows:

As per report, there was an overall increase in proportion of children enrolled in govt schools in between 2018 and 2020. Enrolment increased from 64.3% to 65.8%. But in 2021, enrolment suddenly increased to 70.3%.

Enrolment rate in private schools has decreased as compared to last year. In 2020, enrolment rate was 28.8% which decreased to 24.4% in 2021.

In 2021, 73.1% school respondents received training to implement Covid-19 prevention measures.

Even though availability of smartphones increased to 67.6% in 2021 as compared to 36.5% in 2018, around 79% of children in private schools had smartphone at home as opposed to 63.7% children in government school.

Number of school-going children taking tuition increased by 40% during closure of their schools.

52% of the respondents cited financial distress caused by covid-19 pandemic as the reason of increase in enrolments in government school.

SHIMLA TOPS NITI AAYOG'S INAUGURAL SDG URBAN INDEX

NITI Aayog launched the inaugural SDG Urban Index & Dashboard 2021-22, to further strengthen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) localization and institute robust SDG monitoring at the city level. The index is an SDG progress monitoring tool at the ULB level to highlight the strengths and gaps of ULB-level data, monitoring, and reporting systems. Shimla has topped among the 56 urban areas while Dhanbad in Jharkhand is at the bottom.

TOP 5 URBAN AREAS WITH THE SCORE

Shimla: 75.50

Coimbatore: 73.29

Chandigarh: 72.36

Thiruvananthapuram: 72.36

Kochi: 72.29

BOTTOM 5 URBAN AREAS WITH THE SCORE

Dhanbad: 52.43

Meerut: 54.64

Itanagar: 55.29

Guwahati: 55.79

Patna: 57.29

ABOUT THE SDG URBAN INDEX AND DASHBOARD 2021-22:

The SDG Urban Index and Dashboard 2021-22 ranks 56 urban areas on 77 SDG indicators across 46 targets of the SDG framework. These include 44 cities with a population above one million and 12 State capitals with a population of less than a million. The Index has been developed by Niti Aayog in collaboration with GIZ and BMZ under the umbrella of Indo-German Development Cooperation.

BASED ON THE COMPOSITE SCORE, URBAN AREAS HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS BELOW:

Aspirant: 0–49

Performer: 50–64

Front-Runner: 65–99

Achiever: 100

NITI AAYOG'S POVERTY INDEX: BIHAR POOREST IN MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY

The government think tank Niti Aayog has released the first-ever Multi-dimensional Poverty Index (MPI) to measure poverty at the national, State/UT, and district levels. As per the inaugural index, Bihar has been adjudged as the state with the highest level of multidimensional poverty. 51.91 per cent of the state's population are multidimensionally poor.

ACCORDING TO THE INDEX:

Jharkhand is at second position with 42.16 per cent of the state population as multidimensionally poor. This is followed by Uttar Pradesh at 37.79 per cent, Madhya Pradesh (36.65 per cent) and Meghalaya (32.67 per cent) in the top five poorest states.

Meanwhile, Kerala (0.71 per cent), Goa (3.76%), Sikkim (3.82%), Tamil Nadu (4.89%) and Punjab (5.59 %) are the top 5 lowest poverty states across India.

Kottayam in Kerala is the only district that registered zero poverty across the country as per the index.

CALCULATION METHOD

The MPI is based on three dimensions -- health, education, and standard of living -- with each having a weighting of one-third in the index.

The report took a person spending less than Rs 47 a day in cities and one spending less than Rs 32 a day in villages as poor.

ECONOMICS

INDIA RECEIVED \$87 BILLION IN REMITTANCES IN 2021: WORLD BANK

India received \$87 billion in remittances in 2021, and the United States was the biggest source, accounting for over 20% of these funds.

Flows to India (the world's largest recipient of remittances) are expected to reach \$87 billion, a gain of 4.6% — with the severity of COVID-19 caseloads and deaths during the second quarter (well above the global average) playing a prominent role in drawing altruistic flows (including for the purchase of oxygen tanks) to the country.

India is followed by China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt, the report said. In India, remittances are projected to grow 3% in 2022 to \$89.6 billion,

reflecting a drop in overall migrant stock, as a large proportion of returnees from the Arab countries await return.

AGRI AND ENVIRONMENT

IQAIR: 94 OF 100 MOST POLLUTED CITIES IN INDIA, CHINA, PAKISTAN

According to air quality tracker “IQAir”, air pollution continues to present one of the biggest health hazards to people across the world.

HOW AIR QUALITY IS DETERMINED?

Air quality is determined by looking after the levels of air pollutants like PM2.5, PM10, ozone, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon monoxide.

IQAIR DATA

According to IQAir Data, India had 46 of the world’s 100 most polluted cities in 2020. India is followed by China (with 42 cities), Pakistan (with 6 cities), Bangladesh (with 4 cities), Indonesia (with 1 city), and Thailand (with 1 city).

All these cities had PM2.5 air-quality rating of more than 50.

India accounts for 9 of the top 10 most polluted cities worldwide.

In 2020, Hotan city in China’s Xinjiang province had the worst average air quality with 110.2.

KAISER-I-HIND: ARUNACHAL’S STATE BUTTERFLY

State Cabinet of Arunachal Pradesh, headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, approved “Kaiser-i-Hind” as state butterfly on November 13, 2021.

Kaiser-i-Hind’ is a large and brightly coloured butterfly.

It is an elusive swallowtail butterfly, which carries ‘India’ in its name.

It is found in China and now it has been approved as the State butterfly of Arunachal Pradesh.

Kaiser-i-Hind is scientifically known as *Teinopalpus imperialis*. In literal terms, it means Emperor of India. The butterfly is having a wingspan of 90-120 mm.

It is found across six States along Eastern Himalayas at the elevations from 6,000-10,000 feet in a well-wooded terrain. They also flutter in Bhutan, Nepal, Laos, Myanmar, southern China and Vietnam.

INDIA'S FIRST FISHERIES BUSINESS INCUBATOR LAUNCHED IN GURUGRAM

The first-of-its-kind, dedicated fisheries business incubator has been inaugurated in Gurugram of Haryana to nurture fisheries start-ups under real market-led conditions. The incubator is known as LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC). It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala.

The centre has been established at a cost of Rs. 3.23 crore under the central flagship Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is the implementing agency for the LIFIC.

The first batch of ten incubators from four states (Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra) have already been identified.

PIYUSH GOYAL LAUNCHED INDIA'S 1ST DIGITAL FOOD MUSEUM IN TAMIL NADU

Union Minister, Piyush Goyal virtually launched India's first Digital Food Museum in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. It is a 1,860-sqft museum co-developed by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museums, Bengaluru (Karnataka) with an estimated outlay of Rs 1.1 crore. The museum is the first one-of-its-kind effort to depict India's food story from the beginning to India becoming the largest food grain exporter in the country.

This museum showcases the Indian food evolution from nomadic hunter-gatherers into settled agriculture producers. The measures of the government will make the country top the list of largest agricultural exporters in the world. The museum will showcase the history of people from being foragers to producers, the story of the first harvest, the rise

of villages and the preparation of demand days. The museum will display the grains of India and explain the food culture in different parts of the world.

INDIA'S 1ST GRASS CONSERVATORY INAUGURATED IN RANIKHET, UTTARAKHAND

India's first 'grass conservatory' or 'germplasm conservation centre' spread over an area of 2 acres was inaugurated at Ranikhet in Almora district of Uttarakhand. This conservatory is funded under the Central Government's CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) scheme and is developed by the research wing of the Uttarakhand Forest Department. To create awareness about the importance of grass species, promote their conservation, and facilitate research in the field.

WORLD'S LARGEST SOLAR POWER PARK IN BHADLA

Bhadla Solar Park, located in Rajasthan, is the World's largest solar power park.

It spans over 14,000 acres.

The Park comprises of 10 million solar panels at the park. These solar panels contribute to an operational capacity of 2245 MW.

Bhadla region of the jodhpur district is officially recognized as sandy, dry, and arid region with an area of around 45 km². It is located around 200 km north of Jodhpur and 320 km west of Jaipur. Because of its climate, this region is described as "almost unliveable". Normal temperatures of the region are between 46-48 °C while, hot winds & sand storms occur frequently.

INDIAN RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTING WORLD'S TALLEST PIER BRIDGE IN MANIPUR

The Indian Railways is constructing the tallest pier railway bridge of the world in Manipur. The ambitious project of the Railways in Manipur is part of the Jiribam-Imphal railway line, which ultimately is part of a new broad-gauge line being constructed to connect the northeastern state with the rest of the country. Currently, the

tallest pier bridge record is held by 139-metre-high Mala-Rijeka viaduct built at Montenegro in Europe.

ABOUT THE BRIDGE:

The bridge is being built at a height of 141 metres.

The total length of the Manipur bridge will be 703 metres.

Once completed, the project will enable passengers to cover 111 km of distance in 2-2.5 hrs.

DEFENCE

S-400 MISSILE

Russia has started supplying S-400 air defence system to India, the first division will be delivered by the end of 2021. In October 2018, India and Russia signed a \$5.43 billion deal for five S-400 regiments.

HOW IT WORKS

Considered one of the most advanced and potent air defence systems in the world, S-400 Triumf has the capability to protect against almost all sorts of aerial attacks, including drones, missiles, rockets and even fighter jets. The system, intended to act as a shield over a particular area, is a long-range surface-to-air missile system.

Range 40 to 400 km

INDIAN NAVY COMMISSIONED INS VISAKHAPATNAM

INS Visakhapatnam, a P15B stealth guided-missile destroyer has been commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. This is the first of the four 'Visakhapatnam' class destroyers. It has been designed by the Indian Navy's in-house organization Directorate of Naval Design and constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai. INS Visakhapatnam measures 163m in length, 17m in breadth with a displacement of 7,400 tonnes. It was commissioned in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh.

It is propelled by four powerful Gas Turbines, in a Combined Gas and Gas (COGAG) configuration. The warship is capable of achieving speeds of 30 knots. It has been named after the historic coast called Visakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh.

EXERCISE

SR	Name	Parties participating	When	Where
1	SITMEX-21 (navy)	India, Singapore, Thailand	3 rd edition 15-16 NOV	Andaman sea
2	DOSTI (coast Guard)	India, Maldives, SriLanka	15 th edition 20-24 NOV	Maldives
3	Sagar Shakti	Indian forces, BSF, coast guard, Gujrat police	19-22 NOV	Kaccha

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

APP AND PORTALS

No	Name	Who developed	Purpose
1	Citizens' Tele-Law	Department of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For broadening access to increased legal information. • To empower masses to identify their problem and select appropriate forum of dispute redress for claiming their entitlements. • Through this app, free consultation will be provided for individuals

			<p>qualifying for free legal aid under Section 12 of the Legal Service Authority. Others will require to pay Rs 30 as consultation fee each time.</p>
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WHO CLASSIFIES NEW COVID-19 VARIANT B.1.1.529 AS OMICRON

World Health Organisation (WHO) has classified the new COVID-19 variant B.1.1.529 as Omicron. New COVID-19 variant B.1.1.529 was first reported to WHO from South Africa on 24 November 2021. According to WHO, the strain may spread more quickly than other forms. It has a large number of mutations. WHO said that preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of reinfection with this variant as compared to other variants. WHO also said that current PCR tests continue to successfully detect the variant

ABOUT THE OMICRON:

The classification puts Omicron into the most-troubling category of COVID-19 variants, along with the globally-dominant Delta, plus its weaker rivals Alpha, Beta and Gamma.

Apart from South Africa, Omicron has been detected in Israel in a person coming from Malawi; Botswana; Belgium and Hong Kong.

7TH INDIA INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN PANAJI, GOA

The 7th edition of the four-day India International Science Festival (IISF) is scheduled to be held in Panaji, Goa, from December 10 to 13, 2021. The festival theme in 2021 is “Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India”. The first IISF was held in New Delhi in 2015.

The Goa-based National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is the nodal agency to organise IISF 2021. The festival will be organised jointly with the Departments of Atomic Energy (DAE), Science and Technology (DST), Biotechnology (DBT), and Space (DoS) and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

YOJANA

RATION AAPKE GRAM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a series of Tribal Welfare programs on his visit to Madhya Pradesh. PM Modi launched a welfare scheme named 'Ration Aapke Gram'.

Ration will be distributed in the village itself through ration distribution vehicles under the scheme. Tribal beneficiaries will no longer have to go to the Panchayat Headquarters to get fair price ration. This will also help them in getting the ration and also save time. For the operation of the scheme, 485 vehicles have been contracted in the state through which fair price ration will be distributed in 74 tribal development blocks of 16 districts of the state. Total 7.43 lakh families of 6,575 villages will be benefited by the scheme. About 16,944 metric tonnes of ration will be distributed every month. Ration vehicles will be customized, arrangements will be made for weighing, seating, mic, fan, light and security of the material on the vehicles. Important government schemes will also be publicized through the vehicles.

Vehicles of scheduled tribe youth will be contracted for operation of the scheme. For a vehicle with a capacity of one tonne of food grains, Rs. 24,000 and for a vehicle with a capacity of 2 tonne, Rs. 31,000 will be provided per month. The rental rate may be revised every four months.

To purchase ration vehicles, Rs. 2 lakhs for one ton capacity vehicle and Rs. 3 lakh per vehicle will be given for vehicle of more than one ton capacity will be given by the government to the scheduled caste youth. Loans will be provided to the beneficiaries at a concessional rate of 7.40 percent through the Central Bank of India.

SICKLE CELL MISSION

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a series of Tribal Welfare programs on his visit to Madhya Pradesh. PM Modi launched a welfare scheme named 'Sickle Cell Mission' of Madhya Pradesh.

WHAT IS SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA?

Sickle cell anaemia is a common genetic blood illness that affects a person's normal development as well as can become fatal if not diagnosed early. Aside from stunting a person's natural growth, it causes extreme pain crises, acute chest syndrome, high-grade fever, and periodic swelling in various body parts. It is a genetic disorder and can be passed on from infected parents to children.

SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA'S PREVALENCE IN MADHYA PRADESH

As per a report by the National Health Mission in Madhya Pradesh, the state has the highest burden of sickle cell anaemia in India. It further says, "An ICMR study done in 2007 found that 10%-33% of the tribal population in Madhya Pradesh is sickle gene affected, & 0.70% are sickle diseased (SS/Homozygous)."

'BHARAT GAURAV' SCHEME

Indian Railways has launched a new scheme called "Bharat Gaurav Scheme" on November 23, 2021. Under this scheme, private tour operators can take trains on lease from railways and run these trains on any circuit of their choice.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THIS?

Any interested party can apply online to lease the train, by registering with a one-time fee of Rs 1 lakh. This arrangement can be made for two to 10 years. Operators will also require to give a security deposit of Rs 1 crore per rake. Size of each train will be 14-20 coaches, including two guard vans. Railways will just look after haulage charges and Right to Use fee. The operator has the freedom to decide the route, the halts, the services provided, and, most importantly, the tariff.

SPORT

T20 WORLD CUP

Australia won the final against New Zealand. With this victory, the five-time ODI World Champion team lifted the first World Cup trophy in the T20 world.

The tournament was organized by the BCCI at the UAE ground. Despite hosting the tournament, Team India's journey ended in a knockout round. The winning Australian team received a prize of Rs 12 crore. The runners-up New Zealand won Rs 6 crore. Apart from these two teams, Pakistan and England, who reached the semi-finals, got Rs 3 crore each.

Australia had beaten New Zealand in the 2015 ODI World Cup at Melbourne's home ground. New Zealand then lost to England in the 2019 World Cup.

The 173-run target was successfully reached for the first time in the final of the Twenty20 World Cup. In 2016, the West Indies had chased 156 runs.

The chasing team won the final for the fifth time out of seven World Cups so far. Earlier, Pakistan, England, Sri Lanka and West Indies had done the same.

SOURAV GANGULY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF ICC MEN'S CRICKET COMMITTEE

The President of BCCI, Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee, during the ICC Board Meeting. Ganguly will replace Anil Kumble who assumed the charge in 2012. Kumble stepped down having served a maximum of three separate three-year terms.

The Board also approved that first-class status and list A classification will be applied to women's cricket to align with the men's game and applied retrospectively. Going forward the ICC Women's Committee will be known as the ICC Women's Cricket Committee and will assume all decision making the responsibility for women's cricket reporting directly to the CEC. Johnny Grave, CEO of Cricket West Indies has been appointed to the ICC Women's Cricket Committee.

SAURAV GHOSAL WINS MALAYSIAN OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Indian Squash star, Saurav Ghosal has scripted history as he has become the first Indian squash player to win the Malaysian Open Championships. The second-seeded Ghosal beat Miguel Rodriguez of Colombia 11-7, 11-8 and 13-11 in the men's singles final in Kuala Lumpur to win the 2021 Malaysian Open Squash Championships title. On the other hand, the women's singles title of the 2021 Malaysian Open squash championships has been won by Malaysia's Aifa Azman.

PRIZE

INDIRA GANDHI PEACE PRIZE 2021

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament & Development for 2021 was awarded to Pratham NGO for:

Its pioneering work for more than a quarter century in ensuring that every child has access to quality education

Its innovative use of digital technology to deliver education

Its regular evaluation of quality of education

Its timely response in making children to learn amid Covid-19 restrictions.

PRATHAM NGO

Pratham NGO is an innovative learning organization, which was created to improve education quality in India. The NGO was co-founded by Farida Lambay and Madhav Chavan. It is one of the largest non-governmental organisations in India. It focuses on high-quality, low-cost, and replicable interventions for addressing the gaps in education system. It was established in 1994 in Mumbai to give pre-school education for children in slums.

INDIRA GANDHI PEACE PRIZE

The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize is an annual prestigious award. It has been named after former prime minister Indira Gandhi. It is conferred every year since 1968 by Indira

Gandhi Memorial Trust. It comprises of a monetary award of Rs. 25 lakh and a citation. It recognizes creative efforts by individuals or organizations which are working for:

- Creating new international economic order
- Promoting international peace & development
- Ensuring that scientific discoveries are used for enlarging the scope of freedom and for larger good of humanity.

INTERNATIONAL EMMY AWARDS 2021

The 2021 International Emmy Awards was the 49th edition of the annual ceremony held in New York City. The award recognised excellence in television programs produced and aired originally outside the U.S., and non-English language US primetime programs between the dates of January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020.

From India, Nawazuddin Siddiqui was nominated for Best Actor for his performance in *Serious Men*, Sushmita Sen-led *Aarya* was nominated for Best Drama and comedian Vir Das was nominated for Best Comedy. However, India could not register a win in any of the above categories. Till date, the only Indian show to bag an Emmy is *Delhi Crime* which won Best Drama in 2020.

LIST OF WINNERS OF 2021 INTERNATIONAL EMMY AWARDS:

- Best Actor: David Tennant for *Des* (UK)
- Best Actress: Hayley Squires for *Adult Material* (UK)
- Best Drama Series: *Tehran* (Israel)
- Best Comedy Series: *Call My Agent Season 4* (France)
- Best Documentary: *Hope Frozen: A Quest to Live Twice* (Thailand)
- Best Telenovela: *The Song of Glory* (China)
- Best TV Movie / Mini-Series: *Atlantic Crossing* (Norway)
- Best Arts Programming: *Kubrick by Kubrick* (France)
- Best Short-Form Series: *INSiDE* (New Zealand)
- Best Non-Scripted Entertainment: *The Masked Singer* (UK)

- Best Non-English Language U.S. Primetime Program: 21st Annual Latin GRAMMY Awards (USA)

ABU – UNESCO PEACE MEDIA AWARDS 2021

In the award event, Doordarshan and All India Radio received multiple awards. Multiple awards showcased the excellence of Prasar Bharati in quality content creation, TV shows and Radio shows, to the world.

WHY BOTH ARE AWARDED?

‘Ethical and Sustainable Relationship with Nature’ award: AIR’s ‘Living on the edge – The coastal lives’

Living Well with Super-Diversity category: Doordarshan’s programme ‘DEAFinitely Leading the Way

ABOUT THE ALR’S ‘LIVING ON THE EDGE – THE COASTAL LIVES’

All India Radio series ‘Living on the edge – The coastal lives’ explores life for fishing communities living on the edge in Visakhapatnam. This programme was devised and produced by Monika Gulati, Programme Executive of All India Radio in Delhi.

ABOUT THE DOORDARSHAN’S PROGRAMME ‘DEAFINITELY LEADING THE WAY

Definitely Leading the Way’ talks about the inspiring journey of a specially-abled child. The purpose of the documentary is to motivate specially-abled persons to live their life with dignity. The documentary was produced and directed by Pradeep Agnihotri, Programme Executive of Doordarshan in Delhi.

52ND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA CONCLUDED IN GOA

The 52nd edition of the International film festival of India concluded in Goa. For the first time, the BRICS film festival was hosted alongside IFFI, OTT platforms participated and 75 creative young minds of cinema were felicitated at IFFI. The event was attended by Manoj Bajpayee, Randhir Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit Nene as well as

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur and Goa CM Pramod Sawant.

LIST OF AWARD WINNERS IN IFFI GOA:

Most friendly State for film shooting: Uttar Pradesh

Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male): Jitendra Bhikulal Joshi (Godavari)

Best actor (female): Angela Molina (Paraguay) for Charlotte

Best director: Vaclav Kadrnka (Czech Republic) for 'Saving One Who Was Dead'

Golden Peacock Award for Best Film: Japanese film Ring Wandering (Masakazu Kanyeko)

The Special Jury award: Renata Carvalho (Brazil)

Indian Film Personality of the Year Award: Prasoon Joshi

Jury Special Mention for Debut Feature Film: The Wealth of the World

Best Debut Feature Film of a Director: Director Mari Alessandrini's Zahori

ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Award: Lingui: The Sacred Bonds

6TH BRICS FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT IFFI

6th edition of the BRICS Film Festival awards was announced at the 52nd International Film Festival of India in Goa. For the first time, BRICS Film Festival was held alongside IFFI during November 20 to November 28, 2021.

AWARDEES:

South African Film 'Barakat' by Director Amy Jephta and Russian Film 'The Sun above Me Never Sets' by Director Lyubov Borisova shared the Best Film Award in the Sixth edition BRICS Film Festival.

Brazilian filmmaker Lúcia Murat was awarded Best Director for her documentary 'Ana'.

Indian actor Dhanush won Best Actor (Male) for his role in 'Asuran'.

Brazilian actor Lara Boldorini was honoured with Best Actor (Female) for her role in 'On Wheels'.

Jury Special Mention Award was presented to Director Yan Han for his film A Little Red Flower from China.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE HONOURS FOR NDTV, THE WEEK TEAMS

The International Press Institute (IPI) India Award for Excellence in Journalism 2021 has been awarded jointly to Sreenivasan Jain and Mariyam Alavi of NDTV, and Lakshmi Subramanian and Bhanu Prakash Chandra of “The Week”. Meanwhile, the IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism 2020 had been awarded to Ritika Chopra of The Indian Express.

The awardees for 2020 and 2021 will be felicitated in New Delhi in December 2021 or January 2022. The award comes with a cash prize of Rs 1 Lakh, a trophy and a citation. The Vienna-based International Press Institute (IPI) is a global organisation dedicated to the promotion and protection of press freedom and the improvement of journalism practices.

PERSON AND PLACES IN NEWS

SHIVSHAHIR BABASAHEB PURANDARE

On 15th November 2021, Shivshahir Babasaheb Purandare passed away. He was 100 years old. Babasaheb Purandare was born on July 29, 1922. July 29, 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of his birth. His native village is Saswad in Pune district. But they had to relocate due to plague pandemic. His father, Moreshavar Purandare, was an art teacher at the Bhave school. He completed his primary education in same school and completed B.A. from SP college Pune.

With his energetic voice, Shivcharitra reached every house. The play 'Janata Raja' (1985) was written and directed by Babasaheb Purandare. 'Savitri', 'Jalaty Thingya', 'Mujaryache Manakari', 'Raja Shivchhatrapati', 'Maharaj', 'Shelarkhind', 'Purandaryancha Sarkarwada', 'Shanvaravadyatila Shamadan', 'Shilanganacha Sonam', 'Purandar's Burujavarun', 'Kalavantinicha Sajaja Literature like 'Maharajchi Rajchinhe',

'Purandaryanchi Naubat' etc. have been published. 16 editions of Raja Shivchhatrapati have been published and more than 5 lakh copies have been published.

The Maharashtra government had honoured him with Maharashtra Bhushan, the state's highest civilian award in 2015. He was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan award in 2019 for his work in history research.

TELANGANA'S POCHAMPALLY SELECTED IS ONE OF THE BEST TOURISM VILLAGES

Pochampally village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district of Telangana, known for its famous hand-woven Ikat saris, was selected as one of the best tourism villages by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). The award will be given at the 24th session of the UNWTO general assembly on December 2, in Madrid.

The best tourism villages by the UNWTO pilot initiative aims to award those villages which are outstanding examples of rural destinations and showcase good practices in line with its specified evaluation areas. It also aims to support villages to enhance their rural tourism potential through training and access to opportunities for improvement.

ABOUT THE POCHAMPALLY

Pochampally is about 50 km from Hyderabad and is often referred to as the silk city of India for the exquisite sarees that are woven through a unique style called Ikat. This style, Pochampally Ikat, received a Geographical Indicator (GI status) in 2004 and is also known as Bhoodan Pochampally to commemorate the Bhoodan movement that was launched by Acharya Vinobha Bhave from this village on April 18, 1951.

BHOPAL'S HABIBGANJ RAILWAY STATION RENAMED AS RANI KAMLAPATI STATION

The Habibganj railway station in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh is named after the 18th century Gond queen of Bhopal, Rani Kamalapati. The renovated Rani Kamalapati railway station was inaugurated on November 15 during Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi's visit to Bhopal. The station is built under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. It is the first world class railway station in the state.

The station was built in 1905. At that time this station was known as Shahpur. In 1979, its name was changed to Habibganj. For about 42 years after that, this station was known as Habibganj. Now this station has been renamed as Rani Kamalapati station.

WHO WAS QUEEN KAMALAPATI?

The station is named after her: Rani Kamalapati was the widow of Nizam Shah, whose Gond dynasty ruled the then Ginnaurgad, 55 km from Bhopal, in the 18th century. Nizam Shah had built the famous seven-storied Kamalapati Palace in his name in Bhopal.

She was the daughter of King Kirpal Singh of Salkanpur, Sehore. She was known for her intelligence and bravery. She is said to have mastered horse riding. He also knew how to shoot and how to wrestle.

As a skilled general, she fought with his father and his female army to save his kingdom from invaders. He committed suicide by jumping from Bhopal Lake. After his death in 1723, Bhopal came under the rule of Nawabs, led by Dost Mohammad Khan.

According to the state government, Kamalapati had shown great bravery in confronting the attackers during her career after her husband's murder. CM Shivraj Singh claimed that Kamalapati was "the last Hindu queen of Bhopal" who excelled in the field of water management and established gardens and temples.

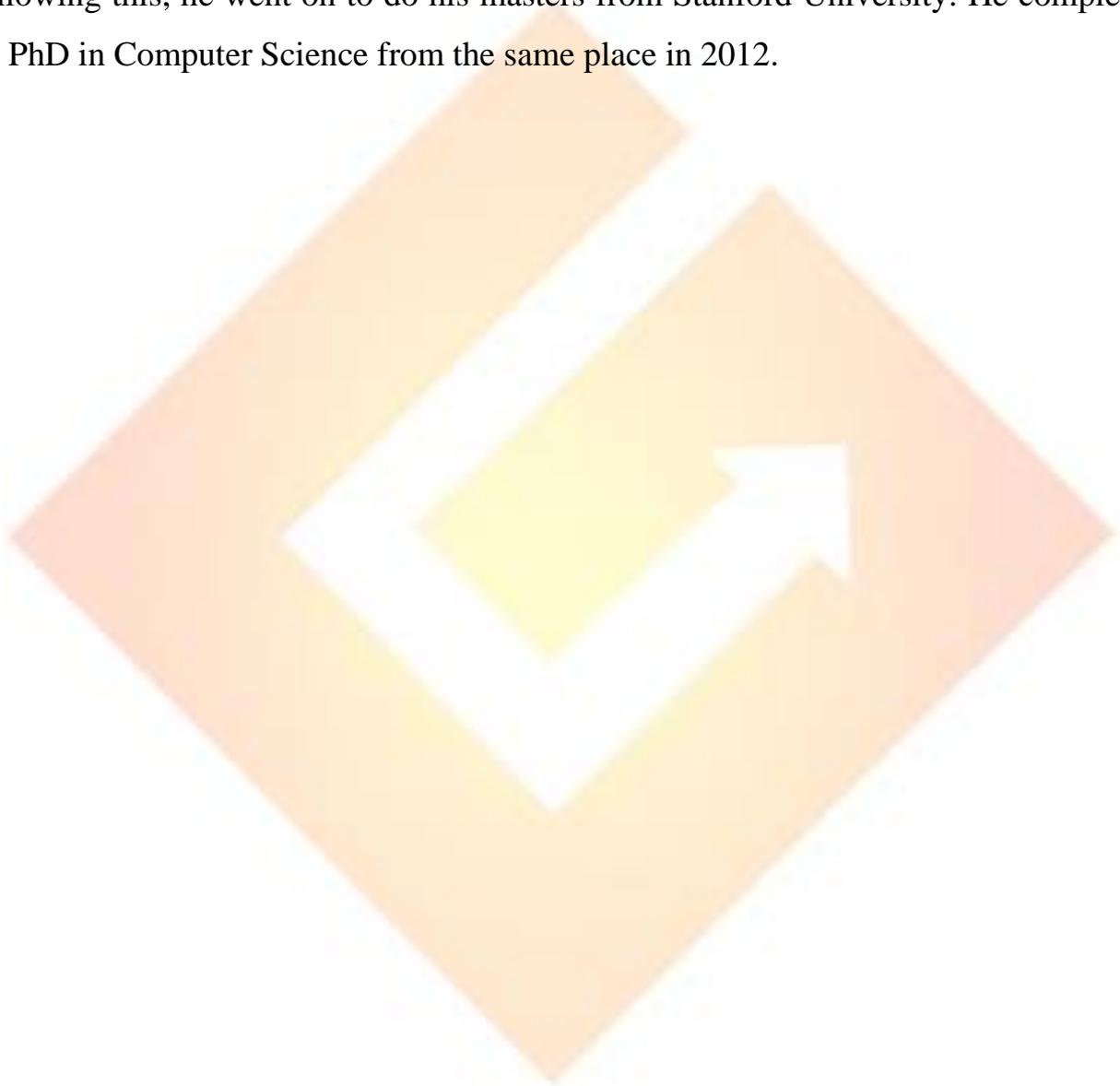
INDIAN-ORIGIN EXECUTIVE PARAG AGRAWAL NEW TWITTER CEO

Indian-origin technology executive, Parag Agrawal has been appointed as the new CEO of Twitter after the social media giant's co-founder Jack Dorsey stepped down. He is now the youngest CEO in the S&P 500 elbowing Meta Platform Inc. CEO Mark Zuckerberg. However, Agrawal is 37 and the same age as Mark Zuckerberg.

Parag joined Twitter 10 years ago when there were fewer than 1,000 employees. He has been behind every critical decision that helped turn this company around. He's curious, probing, rational, creative, demanding, self-aware and humble.

ABOUT PARAG AGRAWAL:

Parag did his undergrad at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. Following this, he went on to do his masters from Stanford University. He completed his PhD in Computer Science from the same place in 2012.



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