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Global Recognition for Outstanding Scientific Contributions: Karmaveer Chakra Medal and Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship Awarded to Dr Hemachandran Ravikumar

Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship (RKGf) 2023-24 and Chakra Awards Presented at the 12th Edition of the annual REX CONCLIVEM Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship (RKGf) 2023-24 and the most prestigious and inclusive Karmaveer Chakra Medal were presented to people who have innovative ideas which may make a difference to the world. The awards are instituted by the International Confederation of Non-Governmental Organisation (ICONGO) in association with the United Nations (UN). The awards were presented during the 12th Edition of the annual REX CONCLIVE and Karmaveer Chakra Award event at Shri Nadar School, Faridabad, Haryana.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan confers National Award for Innovations and Good Practices in Educational Administration on 65 district and block education officers!

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, conferred the National Award for Innovations and Good Practices in Educational Administration (2020-21 & 2021-22) on 65 outstanding district and block education officers from across the country, today, at a function held in New Delhi. Chancellor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), Shri Mahesh Chandra Pant; Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Shri Sanjay Kumar; Vice Chancellor, NIEPA, Prof. Shashikala Wanjari; and other officials of the Ministry of Education and dignitaries were also present at the event. Director (Planning and Development) and Head, Department of Educational Administration at NIEPA, Prof. Kumar Suresh presented a brief description of the programme.

RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Meeting Highlights December 2023, Inflation is top priority.

RBI MPC Meeting Highlights | RBI's Monetary Policy News & Outcomes: RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has said the assumption of status quo as neutral stance is not correct. Monetary policy continues to be actively disinflationary, the Governor added. In view of the uncertainties, RBI denies to give any forward guidance on the interest rate trajectory. The CPI for November is expected to be high, he added. RBI MPC has kept the key policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5% by a unanimous decision. This is the fifth meeting on the trot that the MPC decided to maintain the status quo on the repo rate. Notably, 5 out of 6 MPC members voted in favour of withdrawal of accommodation. RBI raised the GDP growth projection for FY24 to 7% from 6.5% earlier.

LIC fourth largest insurer in the world based on reserves, S&P Global study

Insurance behemoth Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is the fourth largest insurer in the world, according to a ranking based on life and accident & health reserves of companies in 2022 by S&P Global Market Intelligence. The state-owned insurer is ranked after Allianz SE, China Life Insurance Company and Nippon Life Insurance Company. LIC's reserves stood at \$503.7 billion.

States' gross fiscal deficit below Budget Estimate for a 2nd yr, RBI report

States have sustained improvement in their finances — which was achieved in the financial year 2021-22 — even during 2022-23 with a combined gross fiscal deficit (GFD) at 2.8 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP). This is below the Budget Estimates for the second consecutive year, Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) report on state finances said. The report titled, 'State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2023-24'.

DPIIT collaborates with World Bank to elevate India's logistics efficiency!

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) orchestrated a comprehensive meeting with the World Bank Team, marking a significant stride towards reshaping India's logistics landscape. According to a press release by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, chaired by Special Secretary (Logistics) Sumita Dawra, the gathering showcased a spectrum of ongoing initiatives and forthcoming reforms designed to elevate India's logistics efficiency.

Canara HSBC Life Insurance launches NFTs with Me For My City campaign

Canara HSBC Life Insurance is pleased to announce the launch of 13 NFTs (Non-Fungible Tokens) with Me For My City Season 5, one of the flagship campaign by the Company. The launch of NFTs highlight Company's commitment towards embracing innovation and rewarding society with newer technologies which would enable them with new learning, thinking and communication. The company has created 13 unique NFTs from which 12 will be awarded to the 12 participants who made it to the finale of Me For My City season 5 campaign which focuses on protecting and reviving the folk music of our country. One of the most exclusive campaign ideas through which Canara HSBC Life Insurance showcased its appreciation to the participants for their musical talent and passion during the mega event which held at Mumbai in presence of Shankar Mahadevan and other musical maestros.

SEBI allows brokers to invest clients' fund in overnight MF schemes

Brokers and clearing members should ensure that the overnight schemes invest only in government bond, overnight repo markets and overnight Tri-party Repo Dealing and Settlement (TREPS). Such Mutual Fund Overnight Schemes (MFOS) units

should be in dematerialised (demat) form and must necessarily be pledged with a clearing corporation at all times.

World Bank and World Food Programme Deepen Partnership to Scale Up Impact on Food Security

Against a backdrop of record food insecurity across the globe, the World Bank and the World Food Programme (WFP) agreed today to deepen their partnership in several priority areas at the country level. Leaders from both institutions met in Rome for a day-long discussion co-chaired by Anna Bjerde, World Bank Managing Director of Operations, and Carl Skau, WFP Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer.

RBI cancels licence of Shankarrao Pujari Bank in Maharashtra

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of Shankarrao Pujari Nutan Nagari Sahakari Bank Limited in Kolhapur city. The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra, has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank

ICICI introduces two new products for NRIs

ICICI Bank has announced the launch of two new products, Loan Against Deposits (LAD) and Dollar Bonds, for NRI customers at its branch in GIFT City, the Gujarat-based emerging global financial and IT services hub. ICICI Bank is the first bank to offer these products in GIFT City. The bank wants to provide customers ease of banking digitally. ICICI Bank, continue to launch solutions to meet customer needs.

CM Naveen Patnaik launches Ama Bank to bring 4,373 GPs into fold!

In a major push to cover 4,373 unbanked gram panchayats under the financial inclusion programme, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday launched 'Ama Bank' for providing banking services through customer service point (CSP) Plus banking outlets. Launching the programme online from Lokseva Bhavan, the chief minister said 750 panchayats will get banking services through CSP outlets in the first phase and the remaining panchayats will be covered by March 2024. "Ama Bank model is the first-of-its-kind in the country and I am sure it will be role model for other states," Patnaik said.

RattanIndia arm introduces compact delivery drone for health care, e-com, formerly RattanIndia Infrastructure Ltd, is an Indian company that is involved in the energy sector.

RattanIndia Enterprises Ltd. announced the introduction of L07, a compact delivery drone, for e-commerce and health care industries, through its company Throttle

Aerospace Systems. L07 is designed, developed, and manufactured in India, specifically for use cases where the payloads are small. The drone is a VTOL (vertical take-off and landing) with a carrying capacity of up to 7 kg, and can be deployed single-handedly in less than 5 minutes. It can operate at a mean sea level (MSL) of up to 2,000 metres above MSL, comes with a high wind tolerance of 43 km/hr (12 metres/sec) and endurance of up to 30 minutes.

Over Rs 2709 crore worth enemy property shares sold by govt.

Shares worth more than Rs 2,709 crore were sold by the government as part of its initiative to dispose of enemy properties in the country. Assets left behind by people who have taken citizenship of Pakistan and China -- mostly between 1947 and 1962 -- are called enemy property. Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Kumar Mishra said in the Lok Sabha that the sale of the movable property such as 'shares' is done on the recommendation of a high-level committee which suggests the quantum and price level for sale of 'shares'. As on date, 19 enemy properties in Uttar Pradesh have been disposed by way of sale through e-auction held on September 8, 2023 and shares worth Rs 2709.16 crore have been sold.

Adani Green Ranks 2nd In Top Global Large-Scale Solar Developers List

Adani Green Ranks 2nd In Top Global Large-Scale Solar Developers List. Adani Green Energy has been ranked among the top global large-scale. Mercom Capital in a statement said the report includes data from July 2022 to June 2023.

CII raises GDP growth forecast for FY24 to 6.8%

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has upped its GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal to 6.8 per cent from 6.7 per cent projected earlier, its President R Dinesh has said.

The credit cards, available in two variants – LIC Classic and LIC Select, aim to provide over 27 crore policyholders nationwide the opportunity to accrue reward points with every LIC insurance premium payment

Aside from this, cardholders will benefit from features like a lost card liability cover of up to Rs 50,000 and a personal accident insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh. V Vaidyanathan, MD of IDFC Bank, expressed enthusiasm about extending these additional perks to LIC policyholders opting for this credit card, alongside co-brand benefits. He also emphasised the partnership with Mastercard as a global presence in this initiative.

Govt to sell 8% stake in IRCON International through offer-for-sale

The government will sell up to an 8 per cent stake in IRCON International through an offer-for-sale, which will open on Thursday, the rail public sector undertaking said in

an exchange filing. The plan is to offload 37.6 million equity shares, of face value of Rs 2 each—representing 4 per cent of the company for non-retail investors on Thursday. There will be an option to sell an additional 4 per cent if the offer is oversubscribed the following day, in case of both retail and non-retail investors.

Ambuja Cements completes acquisition of Sanghi Industries at Rs 5,185 crore

Ambuja Cements on Tuesday said it has completed the acquisition of Sanghi Industries Limited (SIL), at an enterprise value of Rs 5,185 crore. This is higher than the earlier expected value of Rs 5,000 crore. As part of the deal's completion, Ambuja Cements also executed a trade (in on and off-market trade) to acquire 54.51 per cent of the voting share capital from the promoters of Sanghi Industries. The company said the acquisition of shares is fully funded through internal accruals.

Cabinet approves additional allocation of Rs 2500 crore for continuation of Interest Equalization Scheme on Pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit till 30.06.2024

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved additional allocation of Rs 2500 crore for continuation of the Interest Equalization Scheme till 30 June 2024. This will help exporters from identified sectors and all MSME manufacturer exporters to avail pre and post benefits. The scheme will be implemented by RBI through various public and non-public sector banks that provide pre and post shipment loans to exporters. The scheme is jointly monitored by DGFT and RBI through a consultative mechanism. Under the scheme, an additional outlay of Rs 2500 crore in addition to the current outlay of Rs 9538 crore has been provided to bridge the funding gap for continuation of the scheme till 30.06.2024. The intended target beneficiaries include all MSME manufacturer exporters and non-MSME exporters from certain identified sectors belonging to 410 tariff lines at the four-digit level.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi approves first urban flood mitigation project worth ₹561.29 crore for Chennai

After the cyclone hit Tamil Nadu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the first urban flood mitigation project of ₹561.29 crore under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) for 'Integrated Urban Flood Management Activities for Chennai Basin Project'. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh along with Tamil Nadu Finance and Human Resource Management Minister Thangam Thennarasu and Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena also conducted an aerial survey of areas devastated by Cyclone Michuang in and around Chennai. "Severe cyclonic storm Michong has affected Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Although the extent of damage varies, many areas in these states are submerged, affecting standing crops. To help state governments manage necessary relief from the cyclonic storm, Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to release in advance the central share of Rs 493.60

crore of the second tranche of SDRF to Andhra Pradesh. Gave and gave ₹450 crore to Tamil Nadu.

DARPG launches scheme and web-portal for National Awards for e-Governance NAeG!

Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances DARPG has launched the scheme and web-portal for National Awards for e-Governance NAeG. The objective of the Scheme is to recognize and promote excellence in the implementation of e-Governance initiatives. The purpose is also to encourage innovations in successful e-Governance solutions. In a statement, DAPRG informed that the nominations for the National Awards for e-Governance 2024 can be registered and submitted online at www.nceg.gov.in. It added the last date for submission of nominations is 29 of this month.

Armed Forces Flag Day 2023: 7 December

Armed Forces Flag Day 2023: The armed forces of the country are our strength. They stand at the borders and put their lives in the line to ensure that the countrymen have a good sleep. They fight the enemies with bravery and valour and sometimes become martyrs just to serve the nation. Portraying their love for the country, the armed forces prioritise the country and the people before anything else, even their own lives. Every year, Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated to collect funds for the betterment of the forces and pay our respects to the ones who laid their lives while protecting the country.

International Civil Aviation Day 2023

Celebrated annually on December 7th, International Civil Aviation Day (ICAD) highlights the significance of international civil aviation and the crucial role played by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in shaping the future of air travel. This day serves as a valuable reminder of the power of flight and its positive impact on the world. Over the years, civil aviation has undergone remarkable transformations. Today, it is the fastest and most efficient means of long-distance travel, connecting people, cultures, and economies across the globe.

International Mountain Day 2023

International Mountain Day is observed every year on December 11 to raise awareness about the significance of mountains in our lives and for the health of our planet. The theme for this year's International Mountain Day is 'restoring mountain ecosystems.' On this occasion, here are some of the most breathtaking mountains in the world that are worth visiting at least once in your lifetime

Human Rights Day: 2023

The date was chosen to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation, on 10 December 1948, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the first global enunciation of human rights and one of the first major achievements of the new United Nations. The formal establishment of Human Rights Day occurred at the 317th Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on 4 December 1950, when the General Assembly declared resolution 423(V), inviting all member states and any other interested organizations to celebrate the day as they saw fit.

On 12 December 2012, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed a resolution urging countries to accelerate progress toward universal health coverage

International Universal Health Coverage Day aims to raise awareness of the need for strong and resilient health systems and universal health coverage with multi-stakeholder partners. Each year on 12 December, UHC advocates raise their voices to share the stories of the millions of people still waiting for health, champion what we have achieved so far, call on leaders to make bigger and smarter investments in health, and encourage diverse groups to make commitments to help move the world closer to UHC by 2030.

Egypt and China signed a series of space agreements Wednesday including cooperation on the China-led International Lunar Research Station.

Zhang Kejian, China National Space Administration (CNSA) administrator, and Sherif Sedky, Chief Operating Officer of the Egyptian Space Agency (EGSA), signed a cooperation agreement between the CNSA and the EGSA on the International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) in Beijing. The pair also inked a MoU between their respective governments on cooperation and peaceful use of outer space. Areas of cooperation include joint research in lunar and deep space exploration, the development and launch of spacecraft, space infrastructure, satellite data reception and applications, the BRICS Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation, space science and astronomical observation.

'hallucinate' is the Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year for 2023.

The Cambridge Dictionary named 'hallucinate' as its Word of the Year for 2023, after updating its meaning to reflect its new-found usage in the world of artificial intelligence (AI).

The International Holocaust Remembrance Day, or the International Day in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, is an international memorial day on 27 January

The International Holocaust Remembrance Day, or the International Day in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, is an international memorial day on 27 January that commemorates the victims of the Holocaust, which resulted in the genocide of one

third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities by Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945, an attempt to implement its "final solution" to the Jewish question. 27 January was chosen to commemorate the date when the Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated by the Red Army in 1945.

Eight years of conservative rule in Poland ends as Donald Tusk becomes prime minister

Poland's new prime minister, Donald Tusk, and his Cabinet members took office Wednesday after they were sworn in by the president, marking the end of eight tumultuous years of rule by a national conservative party, Law and Justice. Donald Tusk wants Poland to be again in the heart of the EU.

Taylor Swift named Time magazine's Person of the Year for 2023!

Pop sensation Taylor Swift has been breaking a series of records this year. Adding to her list of achievements, Time magazine has named the Midnights singer "Person of the Year" for 2023. The Cruel Summer saw major success these past few months, thanks to her Eras Tour shows and the namesake concert film. Only recently, Swift was crowned as Spotify's Global Top Artist of 2023. The 33-year-old singer reigned across various charts and emerged as the year's most-streamed artist.

MoD inks contract worth ₹588.68 Cr with TCIL for Digital Coast Guard project!

MoD inks contract worth ₹588.68 Cr with TCIL for Digital Coast Guard project! A pivotal Initiative for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), the DCG Project will unfold a comprehensive narrative of technological progression, encompassing the construction of an advanced Data Centre, establishment of a robust Disaster Recovery Data Centre, amplification of connectivity across ICG sites, and the development of the ERP system. The project also leverages secured MPLS/VSAT connectivity, propelling itself to the forefront of cutting-edge defence technology.

AIIB, UNDP signed MOU for promoting sustainable infrastructure development!

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen collaboration in promoting sustainable infrastructure development and address development challenges in Asia and beyond.

REC signs 200 million Euro loan agreement, This is REC's sixth line of credit under Indo-German Development Cooperation.

REC Ltd signed a 200 million Euro loan agreement with the German bank, KfW in New Delhi on 8th December 2023. This is REC's sixth line of credit under Indo-German Development Cooperation, which will be utilised to re-finance investments in the distribution infrastructure of DISCOMs, in alignment with Gol's

Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

rites signs pact with CFM Mozambique for supply of 10 diesel locomotives

State-owned RITES Ltd announced it has signed a pact with CFM Mozambique for the supply of diesel locomotives and incidental services at a total cost of USD 37,680,080 (Rs314.1 crore). The pact has been signed for the supply of ten diesel locomotives. It is hereby informed that the contract agreement with CFM Mozambique for the supply of ten diesel locomotives along with incidental services at a total cost of USD 37,680,080 has been signed.

Intellect signs ₹80-crore deal with Indian Bank to deploy cash management system!

Intellect Design Arena Ltd, the Chennai-based FinTech company for financial and insurance clients, has signed a ₹80 crore, five-year deal with Indian Bank to deploy Intellect's eMACH.ai powered Cash Management System. This will bolster the bank's corporate banking modernisation, said SV Ramanan, Chief Executive Officer, India and South Asia, Intellect Design Arena Ltd.

Bhutan observed the 39th Charter Day of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) on 08th December at Tara Lhaden Zhingkhom Lhakhang!

The SAARC Charter signed on 08th December 1985 at the inaugural SAARC Summit in Dhaka marks the establishment of the SAARC. Since then, 08th December is observed as the SAARC Charter Day every year. The member states, SAARC Secretariat, SAARC Regional Centres and SAARC Specialized Bodies commemorate the Charter Day by organizing various dedicated programmes to promote awareness about SAARC and to enhance South Asian identity and solidarity within the region and beyond. It is also celebrated in remembrance of the pioneering leaders who established SAARC.

LIC pares stake in HDFC Asset Management Company, HDFC Asset Management Company shares closed 0.37% lower at ₹2,985.25 apiece on the BSE.

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has pared its stake in HDFC Asset Management Company to 6.95% by divesting more than 44.67 lakh shares over almost 12 months up to December 7. LIC pares stake in HDFC Asset Management Company, HDFC Asset Management Company shares closed 0.37% lower at ₹2,985.25 apiece on the BSE. It was an investment function, undertaken in the ordinary course of transaction through open market sale. The average price at which the shares were disposed off was ₹2,863.45 each.

2nd edition of the Forum is centered on the theme 'GIFT-IFSC, Nerve Centre for

New Age Global Financial Services'

The event is hosted by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and GIFT City, under the aegis of Government of India. The 1st edition of the Forum was organised in December 2021 and witnessed 95000+ registrations across 80+ countries and a 'FinTech Showcase' with 100+ virtual exhibitors hosted alongside the main event. The Forum is hosted by IFSCA as a global thought leadership platform on financial services, where progressive ideas, pressing problems, innovative technologies from across the world get Discovered, Discussed and Developed into solutions and opportunities. Organised as a pre-cursor event to Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024, the 2nd edition of the Infinity Forum 2.0, shall be held in hybrid mode, with an invite-only in-person event scheduled in GIFT City and for virtual participation from participants across the globe.

Zoram People's Movement leader Lalduhoma takes oath as Chief Minister of Mizoram!

The 74-year old Lalduhoma joined politics in 1984 when he was elected as Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) on Congress ticket. In this year's elections, he led the Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) to a decisive victory bagging as many as 27 seats in the 40-member House. Apart from the Chief Minister, a total of 7 Cabinet Ministers also took oath of office and secrecy. They are - K Sapdanga, who has been allotted Home portfolio, Vanlalhlana, who will be looking after Public Works Department (PWD), C Lalsawivunga, who has been assigned District Council & Minority Affairs, Lalthansanga, who has been allotted Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr Vanlalhlana, who will be looking after School Education and Information & Public Relations, P C Vanlalruata, who has been assigned Agriculture Department. The lone woman in the Cabinet Lalrinpuii has been allotted the Health and Family Welfare Department.

4 Union ministers get additional charge after BJP MPs winning assembly polls resign

President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday accepted the resignation of three union ministers, Narendra Singh Tomar, Prahlad Singh Patel and Renuka Singh from the union council of ministers, following their election to the state assemblies of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State, for IT a has been assigned the charge of the Minister of State in Ministry of Jal Shakti, in addition to his existing portfolios. The ministry was also headed by Patel.

DU most sustainable institute in India: QS World University Rankings 2024 (Sustainability) by University of Toronto tops.

The University of Delhi (DU) has been featured as the most sustainable Indian institute in the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024 released on December 5. Globally, the university has ranked at 220. Overall, the University of

Toronto has ranked at the top, followed by the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) and The University of Manchester at the second and third spot. This time, there is no Indian university in the first top 200 ranks. After DU, IIT Bombay has featured at 303 globally, followed by IIT Madras at 344, IIT Kharagpur at 349, IIT Roorkee at 387 and IIT Delhi at 426.

Mohan Yadav takes oath as Madhya Pradesh chief minister; PM Modi, Shah present

Mohan Yadav on Wednesday took oath as chief minister of Madhya Pradesh in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union home minister Amit Shah and other dignitaries. Jagdish Devda and Rajendra Shukla were also sworn in as deputy chief ministers.

Funding for Indian technology startups declined 72 per cent in 2023, making it the lowest-funded year in the last five years.

The last quarter (Q4) received \$957 million, the lowest-funded quarter since Q3 2016, according to Tracxn Geo's 'Annual Report: India Tech 2023'. Late-stage funding in 2023 has declined by more than 73 per cent to \$4.2 billion compared to \$15.6 billion in 2022. There have been 17 funding rounds of \$100 million+ each yet this year, dropping 69 per cent compared to last year.

PhonePe offers a number of insurance products, including health insurance, car insurance, bike insurance, and travel insurance.

Car and bike insurance products from Acko General Insurance will now be available on PhonePe, the companies announced on Thursday. Acko General Insurance and PhonePe have joined hands to offer Acko's insurance products through PhonePe's online distribution network. PhonePe offers several insurance products, including health insurance, car insurance, bike insurance, and travel insurance. Insurers on the platform include LIC, Shriram General Insurance, SBI Life, Aditya Birla Health Insurance. On the platform, car insurance plans starts from Rs 6 per day, while bike insurance is from Rs 1.5 per day.

'Bhagwant Mann Sarkar, Tuhade Dwaar': Get 43 Punjab govt services at your doorstep from Dec 10, says CM

The announcement by the CM came after his surprise checks at saanjh kendras in Fatehgarh Sahib and Bassi Pathana on Thursday, it is surprising to many that the new scheme is being launched in the name of CM Mann. The CM said the move was aimed at providing these services to people in a smooth and convenient manner. He said the initiative would provide hassle-free access to the Government 2 Citizen (G2C) services by launch of the doorstep delivery.

Govt provided over ₹6,100 crore for RE via green bonds in FY23

The government raised around ₹16,000 crore through sovereign green bonds in the last financial year, of which more than ₹6,100 crore were provided for Renewable Energy (RE), Parliament was informed on Thursday.

Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto to pay State visit to India from December 4-6

Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto will pay a State visit to India from December 4-6 on the invitation of President Droupadi Murmu. He will be accompanied by a high-level official delegation. A State Banquet will be hosted by President Murmu in honour of President Ruto. Mr. Ruto will meet President Murmu.

INDIAN ARMED FORCES CONTINGENT REACHES HANOI FOR JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE “VINBAX-2023”

The Indian Armed Forces contingent comprising 45 personnel reached Hanoi, Vietnam to take part in the fourth edition of Joint Military Exercise VINBAX-2023. The exercise will be conducted at Hanoi, Vietnam from 11th to 21st December 2023. The Indian contingent comprises 39 personnel from an Engineer Regiment of Bengal Engineer Group and six personnel of Army Medical Corps. The Vietnam People's Army contingent will also be represented by 45 personnel. Exercise VINBAX was instituted in 2018 and the first edition was conducted at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. It is an annual training event conducted alternatively in India and Vietnam. Last edition was conducted at Chandimandir Military Station in August 2022.

The 2023 UN Climate Change Conference will convene from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

The COP 27 Egyptian Presidency and the Incoming COP 28 Presidency are convening informal consultations to engage governments at the ministerial, Head-of-Delegation, and technical levels to lay the groundwork “to deliver a successful COP 28 that drives global transformation towards a low-emission and climate-resilient world, fosters ambitious climate action and facilitates implementation, including the related support”.

The 24th edition of the annual Hornbill Festival held at the picturesque Naga Heritage Village at Kisama, Nagaland concluded

The 10-day-long annual tourism promotional event of the Nagaland government, Hornbill Festival, concluded on Sunday with visitors participating in 'Unity Dance' around a large bonfire. (ANI) Visitors, including tourists from across the country and globe, participating in 'Unity Dance' around a large bonfire to the tune of Naga folk songs.

CCI approves Temasek, India Business Excellence Fund-IV stake buy in Niva Bupa Health Insurance.

In October this year, Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Ltd had announced that it is all set to welcome new investors who had collectively committed to invest ₹800 crore in the company for a minority stake, subject to regulatory approval. The investors include India Business Excellence Fund IV; Temasek and Paragon Partners Growth Fund II amongst others.

Ten BJP MPs including Union Ministers resign from Lok Sabha after winning state assembly elections!

Ten BJP MPs, who have won the state assembly elections from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh recently, have resigned from Parliament. They are Narendra Singh Tomar, Prahlad Singh Patel, Rakesh Singh, Uday Pratap, Riti Pathak, Arun Sao, Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Diya Kumari and Kirodi Lal Meena. Two other MPs Baba Balaknath and Renuka Singh will also resign later. Before submitting their resignation, the BJP MPs met Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday. Sources said, Union Minister Prahlad Singh Patel and Narendra Singh Tomar who have also won in the Madhya Pradesh assembly polls will resign from the Union Cabinet.

Railway minister shares video of India's first bullet train station, The Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train corridor project is currently under construction, with a significant portion already completed.

The Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train corridor project is currently under construction, with a significant portion already completed. The first phase of the project is expected to be operational by 2026, with the entire project slated for completion by 2028. The project is expected to connect the two metro cities in about 2.07 hours with a maximum design speed of 350kmph.

74.1% of Indians unable to afford a healthy diet, FAO Report

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations launched the Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2023: Statistics and Trends, a report on Tuesday which said 74.1% of Indians were unable to afford a healthy diet in 2021. In 2020, the percentage was 76.2. In Pakistan, the figure is 82.2% and in Bangladesh, 66.1% of the population faced difficulties in finding healthy food. Rising food costs, if not matched by rising income, will lead to more people unable to afford a healthy diet, the report warned.

According to the bulk deal data available with the BSE and NSE, SBI Mutual Fund (MF) purchased a total of 1,20,00,000 shares, amounting to a 1.5 per cent stake in Karur Vysya Bank

The shares were picked at an average price of Rs 162 apiece on both bourses, taking the combined aggregate deal size to Rs 194.40 crore. Details of the sellers could not be ascertained. On Tuesday, shares of Karur Vysya Bank rose 1.32 per cent to close

at Rs 164.90 apiece on the BSE and gained 0.52 per cent to settle at Rs 164.70 per piece on the NSE.

Nirmala Sitharaman, 3 other Indians among Forbes list of 'World's 100 Most Powerful Women' of 2023

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, HCL Corporation Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Steel Authority Of India Chairperson Soma Mondal and Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw are the four Indians among the 100 named in Forbes' annual list of 'The World's Most Powerful Women'.

Researchers at Berhampur University, Odisha have discovered a new species of marine amphipod — a shrimp-like crustacea of genus Demaorchestia— in the state's Chilika lake on the east coast of India.

The new species was named Demaorchestia alanensis after global expert professor Alan Myers of University College Cork, Ireland, who has made a significant contribution to global marine amphipod studies. The present contribution has added one more species to the genus Demaorchestia.

Indian Navy celebrates Submarine Day honoring the Tiger Shark legacy of INS Kalvari.

In a tribute to maritime history and naval excellence, the Indian Navy observes Submarine Day on December 8th annually, commemorating the commissioning of the groundbreaking INS Kalvari (S23). As the lead vessel of the Kalvari class, INS Kalvari marked a historic milestone as the first-ever submarine inducted into service by the Indian Navy.

MoD to buy 70,000 more assault rifles from US-based Sig Sauer for ₹800 crore

The Ministry of Defence has cleared a proposal to purchase 70,000 more semi-automatic assault rifles from US-based Sig Sauer for Indian Army which is already using them from 2019 onwards. The repeat order for acquisition of Sig Sauer is valued at ₹800 crore. The decision was taken at a high-level meeting of Ministry of Defence held recently to arm soldiers deployed in counter-insurgency duties and at borders.

Indian Govt signs USD 175 million loan agreement with ADB

The Indian government has signed a 175 million dollar loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank to enhance the road infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh. The prospective agreement was signed to fund the "Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience of the Madhya Pradesh Road Network Project". The loan agreement would facilitate the 14 districts of Madhya Pradesh recovering the entire route.

Revanth Reddy sworn in as Telangana CM, Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu as his deputy

Anumula Revanth Reddy on Thursday took oath as the Chief Minister of Telangana, following the party's victory in the recently concluded assembly elections. Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu was sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister of the state. The 10 leaders who took oath as ministers were Damodar Raja Narasimha, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Seethakka, Ponnam Prabhakar, Sridhar Babu, Tummala Nageshwar Rao, Konda Surekhaa, Jupally and Krishna Ponguleti.

President Draupadi Murmu gives national award to Narayan Seva Sansthan's president!

Prashant Agrawal, President of Narayan Seva Sansthan, was honoured with the prestigious National Award for 'Best Personality- Empowerment of Differently-abled' by President Draupadi Murmu at a ceremony organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Lalbiaktluanga Khiangte appointed new Chief Secretary of Jharkhand.

In a significant development, the Jharkhand government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, announced the appointment of Mr. Lalbiaktluanga Khiangte as the new Chief Secretary of the state on December 6, 2023. Mr. Khiangte, a 1988 batch IAS officer of the Jharkhand cadre, will assume the role, replacing the incumbent Shukhdeo Singh, who is an IAS officer of the 1987 batch.

NCRB's Crime in India 2022, Around 58 Lakhs Crimes Registered in 2022, Cases Decline

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released its annual report on crime in India for the year 2022. NCRB's Crime in India, Around 58 Lakhs Crimes Registered in 2022, Cases Decline. The report is a compilation of data on reported crime from across the country. Reports by the NCRB, which functions under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

Google Launches Its 'Largest And Most Capable' AI Model Gemini To Compete With ChatGPT

Google launched a pared-down version of what it calls its "largest and most capable" AI model, Gemini, in its AI chatbot Bard on Wednesday, while the most advanced version of Gemini is expected in 2024—adding fuel to the race among tech giants to lead AI development.

World's first liquid oxygen, methane carrier rocket sent into orbit in latest achievement by Chinese private space sector

The world's first liquid oxygen, liquid methane carrier rocket blasted off morning from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Northwest China's Gansu Province, taking a sample payload into orbit. Developed by LandSpace, a Chinese privately owned aerospace company, the launch of the ZQ-2 Y2, as it is code-named, marked a breakthrough in the quest to find a new-type low-cost liquid propellant for carrier rockets in China.