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Prime Minister Narendra Modi ends his Russia visit and leaves for Australia.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi departed for Austria on Tuesday after concluding a two-day high-profile visit to Russia, where he attended the 22nd India-Russia annual summit with President Vladimir Putin. This was his first trip to the country since it invaded Ukraine. Russia's President Vladimir Putin bids farewell to India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi following their meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia.

ICAI and MeitY have decided to jointly develop an 'AI Audit Tool'.

CA Institute has initiated talks with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to jointly develop an 'AI Audit Tool' to track performance of corporate India and detect corporate frauds, its President Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal has said. The new tool will leverage artificial intelligence (AI) to guide and assist companies in remaining as 'going concerns', Agarwal added.

Tata Power launches 'Ghar Ghar Solar' initiative in Uttar Pradesh.

Tata Power Solar Systems Limited launched a transformative rooftop solar initiative aimed at powering every home in Uttar Pradesh (UP) with clean energy on Friday. Starting from Varanasi, the ambitious initiative of 'Ghar Ghar Solar, Tata Power ke Sang' promises substantial financial savings and environmental benefits for residents through state-of-the-art Rooftop Solar Solutions (RTS). Speaking at the launch ceremony in Varanasi, Praveer Sinha, CEO and MD, Tata Power, said, "Our mission at Tata Power Solar is to drive a sustainable energy future."

BSNL CMD Purwar Denied Extension DoT Officer Robert Ravi to Take Additional Charge.

The government has denied extension to BSNL Chairman and Managing Director P K Purwar and is likely to give the charge to a senior department of telecom officer Robert J Ravi, official sources said.

Purwar, who took charge as BSNL CMD in July 2019 for five years, had applied for an extension. DoT is mulling to hand over additional charge of BSNL CMD post to DDG Robert J Ravi.

Mopa Airport Gets 6-Lane Access-Controlled Road For Faster Connectivity to Mumbai-Goa Highway.

The Mopa Airport in Goa has received a significant infrastructure boost with the inauguration of a new 6-lane access-controlled road. This road aims to enhance connectivity between the airport and the Mumbai-Goa Highway, ensuring faster travel times for commuters. The project is expected to facilitate smoother and more efficient transportation to and from the airport, catering to the increasing air traffic and tourism in the region.

NITI Aayog Launches 'NITI GearShift Challenge' As Part Of E-FAST India Initiative.

NITI Aayog has announced the launch of the 'NITI GearShift Challenge' as part of the e-FAST India initiative. This pioneering hackathon aims to foster innovative business models for the adoption of zero-emission trucks in India, addressing the nation's pressing economic and environmental challenges. NITI Aayog has also invited students, transport service practitioners, academics, and researchers to develop innovative business models that address financial, technical, and operational challenges in the adoption of electric trucks.

Shri Jayant Chaudhary attends Kaushal Samwaad on World Youth Skills Day 2024.

Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Shri Jayant Chaudhary, attended an open house, "Kaushal Samwaad", to celebrate World Youth Skills Day, which is recognised globally by the United Nations. He also interacted with professionals, trained on various skills through different Skill India schemes and programs and their trainers during the event. The day also commemorated the 10th-year celebrations of the Skill India Mission.

16 lakh indian children missed vital vaccines in 2023.

The importance of vaccinations cannot be understated. Yet, compared to pre-pandemic levels of 2019, an additional 2.7 million children across the globe were either unvaccinated or under-vaccinated in 2023, according to a recent report by the World Health Organisation and UNICEF. Children who missed the first dose of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTP) vaccine, usually administered at around two months, rose from 13.9 million in 2022 to 14.5 million in 2023. A whopping 11 per cent of these were from India, ranking second globally.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has launched 'One Scientist One Product' scheme.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has announced a target-oriented research plan "One Scientist One Product" over the next five years which will be regularly monitored from the top so that maximum productivity is driven without duplicity of efforts. The government's research body will also soon release 100 seed varieties in various crops as part of the government's 100-day plan.

CSIR-CRRI Celebrates 73rd Foundation Day.

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) celebrates its 73rd Foundation Day in the august presence of Dr. N.

Kalaiselvi, Secretary DSIR, Government of India, and DG CSIR, along with other eminent dignitaries at its campus today in New Delhi.

The event also celebrated the presence of Dr. N. Kaliselvi, the 26th DG of CSIR and the first woman to lead the organization in its 80-year history.

Union Govt Reconstitutes NITI Aayog with NDA Ministers.

After having introduced changes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Council of Ministers after the general elections, the National Democratic Alliance-led (NDA) government on July 16 reconstituted the government think tank NITI Aayog. The Aayog now introduces four full-time members and 15 Union Ministers from the BJP and allies of the NDA as ex-officio members or as special invitees. In a Facebook post announcing the move, the government think-tank wrote, "Embracing a vision for holistic development and innovation, NITI Aayog is on a journey of transformative initiatives that promise to redefine India's future."

Ministry of Coal Signs Agreements for 3 Coal Mines.

The Ministry of Coal (MoC) has signed agreements for three coal mines, aiming to enhance coal production and meet growing energy demands. The agreements are part of the government's strategy to boost the coal sector and ensure a steady supply of this crucial resource. These mines are expected to contribute significantly to the country's energy infrastructure, supporting economic growth and energy security. The Ministry's initiative reflects its commitment to developing the coal sector and strengthening India's position in the global energy market.

Dr. Jitendra Singh Opens Asia's First Pre-Clinical Network Facility under CEPI.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated Asia's first health research-related "Pre-clinical Network Facility" under the Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) today at the Regional Centre of Biotechnology under the aegis of the "Translational Health Science & Technology Institute" (THSTI), Faridabad.

The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) has selected BRIC-THSTI as a pre-clinical network laboratory based on its capability to handle BSL3 pathogens.

Haryana Cabinet Approves IT Saksham Yuva Scheme for 5,000 Jobs.

The scheme has been designed in accordance with the 'Mission 60,000' announced while presenting the 2024-25 budget proposals aiming to give employment to at least 60,000 young individuals from poor families. The Haryana Cabinet on Friday gave nod to launch the IT Saksham Yuva Scheme, 2024, the target of which is to give jobs to 5,000 youths in the first phase.

Report of India's G20 Task Force on Digital Public Infrastructure released.

The final 'Report of India's G20 Task Force on Digital Public Infrastructure' by 'India's G20 Task Force on Digital Public Infrastructure for Economic Transformation, Financial Inclusion and Development' was released in New Delhi, today. The Task Force was led by the Co-Chairs — Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa of India and Shri Nandan Nilekani, Co-founder and Chairman of Infosys and the Founding Chairman of UIDAI (Aadhaar). T

DRDO Sanctions 7 New Projects Under Tech Development Fund.

Providing impetus to Aatmanirbharta, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has awarded seven new projects to industries under the Technology Development Fund scheme for various requirements of the Armed Forces and aerospace & defence sectors. These project sanctions are a testimony to the continuing endeavour of DRDO in nurturing Industries, especially MSMEs & start-ups, in defence and aerospace domains. The indigenous development of these technologies will strengthen the military industrial ecosystem.

CBIC notifies amendment to GSTR-1A for revising sales return.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has notified amendments to the GSTR-1A form, allowing businesses to revise their sales returns. This move aims to facilitate corrections in previously filed GST returns, enhancing compliance and accuracy. The revised form enables taxpayers to make necessary adjustments to their sales data, ensuring better alignment with actual transactions. CBIC's notification underscores efforts to streamline GST procedures and improve transparency in tax reporting, benefiting businesses across sectors.

NITI Aayog released Report on 'Electronics Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains.

NITI Aayog will unveil its report titled "Electronics: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains" tomorrow on 18 July, 2024. This report is the outcome of extensive analysis of India's electronics sector including its scopes and challenges. The report lays down the roadmap for the country to become a global manufacturing hub in electronics manufacturing.

India sees fastest growth in electronic waste generation.

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report, India has generated the highest amount of electronic waste globally from screens, computers, and small IT and telecommunications equipment (SCSIT) between 2010 and 2022. According to the '2024 Digital Economy Report', India aims to increase its SCSIT waste production from 3.1 per cent in 2010 to 6.4 per cent in 2022.

Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar's Inaugural Visit to Mauritius Strengthens Bilateral Ties.

Indian Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, on his inaugural visit to Mauritius on 16 and 17 July 2024, took part in the talks held there to strengthen bilateral relations. In this meeting they discussed measures to increase cooperation in various fields between India and Mauritius. The visit was attended by Prime Minister H.E. This follows the visit of Shri Pravind Jugnauth to India from 09-11 June 2024, in which he participated in the swearing-in ceremony of the new government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Dr. Jaishankar last visited Mauritius in February 2021.

UNESCO reported Climate change disrupting education outcomes, increasing learning loss.

The GEM report noted that a child experiencing temperatures that are two standard deviations above average is predicted to attain 1.5 fewer years of schooling. Climate related stressors like heat, wildfires, floods, droughts, diseases and rising sea levels affect education outcomes and threaten to undo educational gains of recent decade, according to the Global Education Monitoring Report (GEM).

India Government releases first tranche of \$2.5 million for Palestinian refugees.

The government has released the first tranche of \$2.5 million for Palestinian refugees. This funding is part of ongoing efforts to support humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees in Palestine. The initiative aims to alleviate the hardships faced by Palestinian refugees, providing essential resources and support for their well-being and livelihoods.

Europe 'back in space' despite Ariane 6 debut glitch.

Despite a glitch during the debut of Ariane 6, Europe is celebrating its return to space. The rocket successfully deployed three sets of micro-satellites for research purposes, showcasing initial triumphs. However, the mission encountered a setback as it failed to release its final batch of payloads into orbit. European space officials praised the milestone achieved despite the challenges, emphasizing the importance of perseverance in space exploration.

India's population to peak in early 2060s to 1.7 billion before declining United Nations.

India's population is projected to peak in the early 2060s at about 1.7 billion and then decline by 12%, but India will remain the world's most populous country throughout the century," the United Nations has said. The World Population Prospects 2024 report, released on July 11, said the world's population is expected to continue growing over the coming 50-60 years, reaching a peak of around 10.3 billion people

in the mid-2080s, up from 8.2 billion in 2024.

Colombo Security Conclave Welcomes Bangladesh As 5th Member.

The Colombo Security Conclave (CSC), a regional security grouping, officially welcomed Bangladesh as its fifth member state on Wednesday. The announcement came during the 8th Deputy National Security Adviser (DNSA) level meeting, hosted virtually by Mauritius. The existing members – India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and the Maldives – warmly received Bangladesh into the fold, while Seychelles participated as an observer state.

REC secures green loan worth ₹1,670 crore from Deutsche Bank's City branch.

This facility marks the first successful collaboration between an Indian government entity and Deutsche Bank AG's City branch, setting a new benchmark for green financing in the Indian public sector. The loan will fund projects that adhere to stringent environmental standards, promote renewable energy, and help reduce carbon emissions across India. In a significant step towards sustainable development, REC Limited, a leader in the Indian power sector, has secured a green loan of JPY 31.96 billion (equivalent to USD 200 million) from Deutsche Bank AG's GIFT City branch.

Indians can now pay via UPI in Qatar.

Indians in Qatar will be able to scan a QR code and make payments via UPI as NPCI International Payments (NIPL) has signed an agreement with QNB, the largest financial institution in the Middle East and Africa, headquartered in Qatar.

UPI acceptance in Qatar will offer substantial benefits to the large number of Indians visiting the country and simplifying their transactions," said Anubhav Sharma, deputy chief of partnerships and business development at NPCI International.

RBI expands Liberalised Remittance Scheme norms for investment via GIFT IFSC.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has widened the scope of the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) to include investments through the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) International Financial Services Centre (IFSC). This move allows Indian residents to invest in permitted securities in IFSCs under the LRS, providing more avenues for international investments through this financial hub.

Jio Financial Services gets RBI nod to become core investment company.

The Reserve Bank of India on Thursday approved the conversion of Jio Financial Services from a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) to a Core Investment Company (CIC), the company said in a filing. Jio Financial Services is the demerged entity of energy-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL).

NABARD announces ₹750 crore 'Agri SURE' fund to promote innovation in agriculture.

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has announced an agri fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises (Agri-SURE), with initial corpus of ₹750 crore to be managed by its wholly owned subsidiary Nabventures. While NABARD and the Ministry of Agriculture are contributing ₹250 crore each, the rest ₹250 crore is from other institutions.

SEBI tweaks norms for mutual fund investments in listed securities of sponsor.

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has revised guidelines governing mutual fund investments in listed securities of their sponsors. The new norms aim to ensure transparency and prevent conflicts of interest. Mutual funds are now required to disclose all investments in sponsor group companies, adhere to stricter valuation norms, and seek board approval for such transactions. These changes are designed to enhance investor protection and market integrity.

BranchX becomes India's 1st neobank to launch ONDC loans for financial inclusion.

BranchX has made history as India's inaugural neobank to launch ONDC loans under the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) initiative. This move is geared towards enhancing financial inclusion by offering accessible credit solutions. By leveraging digital platforms, BranchX aims to empower underserved communities, fostering economic growth and participation in the digital economy. This initiative signifies a significant advancement in India's fintech sector, promising broader financial accessibility and inclusivity across the country.

Bajaj Finserv AMC launches fixed income plan for retail investors.

Bajaj Finserv Asset Management has launched Bajaj Finserv Savings+ which provides retail investors an avenue to manage their idle money in savings account. The scheme allows investors to seamlessly invest in Bajaj Finserv Liquid Fund and Bajaj Finserv Overnight Fund offering competitive returns and the convenience of liquidity. In comparison to traditional Savings Accounts, Liquid Funds have delivered 7.17 per cent return between last July to June, 2024.

BBVA and IFC launch world's first biodiversity bond.

BBVA, in partnership with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), has introduced the world's inaugural biodiversity bond aimed at combating biodiversity loss. This innovative financial instrument, valued at \$2 million, is designed to channel funds towards projects promoting conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The bond issuance marks a significant step in integrating environmental considerations

into financial markets, aligning investments with global conservation goals. BBVA and IFC's joint initiative underscores a commitment to fostering sustainable development and addressing pressing environmental challenges through innovative financial mechanisms.

Axis Bank completes migration of Citibank customers to its systems.

Private lender Axis Bank which has completed migration of Citibank customers to its systems on Monday faced glitches during the process. Several erstwhile Citi customers took to social media to complaint that they were unable to access their accounts on the Axis platform while a few others said they were unable to login to the Axis app despite spending hours to complete the registration.

RBI Allows Banks to Use Brickwork Ratings with Conditions.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lifted restrictions on banks using ratings from Brickwork Ratings India Private Limited, two years after forbidding fresh ratings due to regulatory concerns. Banks can now utilize Brickwork Ratings' assessments for calculating risk weights for capital adequacy purposes, subject to certain conditions. These include limitations on new rating mandates for bank loans not exceeding Rs 250 crore, and surveillance requirements for existing ratings, especially for larger facilities.

Ireland Takes 4th Spot from Mauritius in FPI Destinations.

Ireland has replaced Mauritius to secure the 4th spot on the list of preferred Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) destinations. This shift reflects changing investment preferences and highlights Ireland's growing attractiveness to international investors. Mauritius, previously holding the 4th position, has now been pushed to a lower rank. The change indicates a shift in investor confidence and priorities, with Ireland emerging as a more favored destination for foreign investments in the current financial climate.

SEBI recognized BSE Limited as RAASB and IAASB.

SEBI has officially recognized BSE Limited, granting it accreditation under the Recognised Auditing and Accounting Standards Board (RAASB) and International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB). This accreditation acknowledges BSE Limited's role in maintaining and establishing high standards in auditing and accounting practices. As RAASB and IAASB, BSE Limited will contribute to the development and implementation of global auditing standards, enhancing credibility and transparency in financial reporting both domestically and internationally.

Fintech startup TechFini receives NPCI certification to operate as UPI provider.

Fintech startup TechFini has received certification from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to operate as a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) provider. This certification enables TechFini to offer UPI services, facilitating seamless digital transactions for users. With this approval, TechFini joins the growing list of fintech companies contributing to the expansion of digital payment infrastructure in India. The certification reflects NPCI's trust in TechFini's ability to maintain high standards of security and efficiency in UPI transactions.

Greenko secures NABFID sanction for Rs 6200 crore.

Renewable energy company Greenko will prepay more than \$1 billion of dollar bonds maturing next year through funds raised from the government backed National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NABFID) to lower overseas liabilities amid higher rates abroad. Greenko aims to reduce its overseas liabilities amidst rising global interest rates by using funds from NABFID.

LIC enters into tie-up with IDFC First Bank under corporate agency arrangement.

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has entered into a corporate agency arrangement with IDFC First Bank. This partnership allows IDFC First Bank to distribute LIC's insurance products through its extensive network of branches and digital platforms. The collaboration aims to enhance the accessibility of LIC's insurance solutions to a broader customer base, leveraging IDFC First Bank's strong market presence and customer reach. This strategic tie-up is expected to benefit both companies by expanding their market presence and providing customers with a wider range of financial products.

Bank of Baroda, BoM launch deposit schemes to fund credit demand.

BoB said its special scheme dubbed "the bob Monsoon Dhamaka Deposit Scheme" comes with two tenor buckets — offering interest rates of 7.25 per cent per annum for 399 days and 7.15 per cent per annum for 333 days. The scheme opened on Monday and it would be for retail deposits below Rs 3 crore. Senior citizens will earn an additional interest rate of 0.50 per cent for both buckets. Further, Non-Callable Deposits will get 0.15 per cent extra, BoB said.

ADB approves \$240.5 mn loan for rooftop solar systems in India.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday said it has approved \$240.5 million in loans to finance rooftop solar systems in India that will help the government expand energy access using renewable energy. The financing will support tranches 2 and 3 of the Multi-tranche Financing Facility (MFF) Solar Rooftop Investment Programme approved by ADB in 2016.

Maharashtra CM Launches 'Ladka Bhau' Job Training Scheme.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced a job training and stipend scheme for youth, tentatively named 'Ladka Bhau' Yojana, days after it introduced a monthly financial assistance scheme for eligible women. He declared broad features of the new scheme, primarily targeting men, at Pandharpur in Solapur district on the occasion of Ashadhi Ekadashi.

Chardham Pilgrims can now create their Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) on the eSwasthya Dham portal.

The Indian government has introduced a major convenience for Chardham pilgrims. They can now create their Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) on the eSwasthya Dham portal. This will provide them with better access to hospital services and help them keep track of their health. This initiative will be a significant relief for pilgrims undertaking the Chardham yatra.

India Forecasts Robust 6.3% GDP Growth for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

The GDP growth for the fiscal year 2023-24 is estimated to be 6.3 percent, according to recent projections. This forecast reflects a robust economic outlook, suggesting strong performance in various sectors. The growth rate indicates an optimistic trend, with expectations of continued economic expansion and stability. Analysts believe that this growth will drive improvements in employment, consumer spending, and overall economic health, contributing to a positive financial environment for businesses and households alike.

India's WPI Inflation Rate Climbs to 3.36% in June.

The annual rate of inflation based on all India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) number is 3.36% (Provisional) for the month of June, 2024 (over June, 2023). Positive rate of inflation in June, 2024 is primarily due to increase in prices of food articles, manufacture of food products, crude petroleum & natural gas, mineral oils, other manufacturing etc.

ESAF SFB Gets RBI Nod for K Paul Thomas's Re-appointment as MD & CEO.

ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the re-appointment of K Paul Thomas as its Managing Director and CEO. Thomas, who has been leading the bank since its inception, will continue to guide the institution through its ongoing growth and development. His re-appointment comes as a recognition of his effective leadership and the bank's progress under his stewardship. The RBI's nod ensures stability and continuity in the bank's management.

CCI to tweak fair trade norms soon.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is set to revise its fair trade norms soon. This update is expected to enhance the efficiency of regulatory processes and adapt to the evolving market dynamics. Under the green channel process, introduced in 2019, mergers and acquisitions (M&A) deals are deemed approved upon filing with the regulator, provided certain conditions are met. The upcoming changes aim to streamline the approval process further while maintaining a balance between facilitating business transactions and enforcing competition laws.

Scientists discover new plant species in Arunachal Pradesh.

Itanagar, Jul 18 (PTI) Researchers from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have discovered a new plant species from a wildlife sanctuary in Arunachal Pradesh, officials said. 'Phlogacanthus Sudhansusekharii', the plant species recently discovered from Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Papum Pare district, belongs to the family 'Acanthaceae' and the 'Phlogacanthus' genus, they said.

Rwanda's Paul Kagame wins fourth term with 99% of vote.

Partial results issued by the election commission seven hours after polls closed showed that Mr. Kagame had won 99.15% of the vote — even more than the 98.79% he got in the last poll seven years ago. Rwandan President Paul Kagame was gearing up on July 16 for a fourth term after winning a thundering 99.15% of votes according to partial results from an election.

BTS' Jin Becomes First Korean Artist to Lift Olympic Torch.

BTS member Kim Seokjin, known as Jin, made headlines at the 2024 Paris Olympics by becoming South Korea's torchbearer. The 'Epiphany' singer carried the Olympic torch to the iconic Louvre Pyramid Museum in Paris. This historic moment marked Jin as the first Korean artist to take on this prestigious role, drawing enthusiastic cheers from the crowd. His participation highlights both his personal achievement and the global recognition of Korean artists on an international stage.

ADB retains India's FY25 GDP growth outlook at 7%.

India's GDP growth is expected to be 7% this year with inflation averaging 4.6%, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said in its Asia Development Outlook July report on Tuesday. The Bank also retained its projections for 2025-26, reckoning that GDP will rise 7.2% and retail price rise will average 4.5% next year.

GST Council Proposes Streamlined Compliance and Revised Tax Slabs.

In a significant move to streamline and improve the goods and services tax (GST) framework, the GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, convened its 53rd meeting on June 22, 2024. The Council's recommendations encompass a broad range of adjustments, from GST rate changes on goods and services to measures aimed at facilitating trade and reducing litigation.

IMF raises India's FY25 growth forecast upward to 7%.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised India's growth forecast for FY25 to 7 per cent from 6.8 per cent projected in April. IMF said that it expects Indian economy to grow 6.5 per cent in FY26 which is unchanged from April. This comes as the Reserve Bank of India revised India's growth forecast upward to 7.2 from 7 per cent earlier in June.

Indian Scientists Agarwal and Bhardwaj Receive COSPAR 2024 Award.

Indian scientists Dr. Prahalad Chandra Agarwal and Dr. Anil Bhardwaj have been honored with the COSPAR 2024 Award at the 45th COSPAR Scientific Assembly. They were recognized for their outstanding contributions to space research and exploration. Dr. Agarwal's work focuses on [insert specific focus if known], while Dr. Bhardwaj is noted for [mention specific achievements]. The award, presented by the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), highlights their significant impact in advancing scientific knowledge and space technology in India.

Roberta Metsola Re-elected as European Parliament President.

Roberta Metsola has been re-elected as the President of the European Parliament, becoming the first woman to win a second term in this role. Metsola, a Maltese politician, secured her re-election with widespread support from members of the parliament. She initially assumed office in January 2022 and has been recognized for her leadership and advocacy on various European issues. Metsola's re-election marks a significant milestone, underscoring her continued influence and the parliament's confidence in her leadership abilities.

Spain Wins Fourth European Championship Title After Defeating England Team.

Spain is the king of European soccer for a record fourth time. For England, it's another agonizing near-miss in the team's decades-long tale of underachievement. Completing a tournament the team dominated from start to finish, Spain beat England 2-1 in the European Championship final on Sunday with Mikel Oyarzabal the unlikely match-winner in the 86th minute. Oyarzabal, a backup striker who came on as a substitute for captain Alvaro Morata, slid in to poke home a left-wing cross by Marc Cucurella, just when the game at Berlin's Olympiastadion seemed destined for extra time.

India Champions Beat Pakistan Champions To Clinch 2024 World Championship Of Legends Title.

India Champions emerged victorious over Pakistan Champions by five wickets in the 2024 World Championship of Legends final held in Birmingham. Led by Yuvraj Singh, India successfully chased a target of 157 runs in 19.1 overs. Ambati Rayudu set the stage with a quick-fire fifty, followed by crucial contributions from Yusuf Pathan, Gurkeerat Singh Mann, and the captain himself.

James Anderson retires with 704 Test wickets from 40037 deliveries.

It is an end of an era as James Anderson has bid adieu to Test cricket for England. The veteran speedster has brought down curtains to his celebrated career, which spanned 21 years. The 41-year-old received hugs and a pat on his back from his teammates after England won the 1st Test match against West Indies at the Lord's Cricket Ground on July 12th, Friday. It all started in 2003 when a 20-year-old Anderson stepped on to the field and ended at the same venue, at the Home of Cricket.

Saudi Arabia To Host Inaugural Olympics Esports Games In 2025.

The International Olympic Committee has announced that Saudi Arabia will be the host nation for the first-ever Olympics Esports Games, set to take place in 2025. The partnership between the IOC and the Saudi National Olympic Committee is expected to span over a 12-year period. The decision will be formally approved during the IOC Session, which will be held just before the Olympic Games in Paris. Once ratified, the process of selecting a host city for the inaugural edition of the Olympics Esports Games will commence.

Carlos Alcaraz Retains Wimbledon Men's Singles Title and Krejckikova Wins Women's Singles Crown.

In the 137th edition of the Wimbledon Championships, Carlos Alcaraz successfully defended his men's singles title, showcasing exceptional skill and determination throughout the tournament. On the women's side, Barbora Krejckikova emerged victorious, securing the singles crown with her impressive performance on the grass courts. Alcaraz's victory solidifies his rising status in tennis, while Krejckikova's win adds another milestone to her burgeoning career. The championships witnessed thrilling matches and memorable moments, highlighting the enduring allure and competitive spirit of Wimbledon.

Defence ministry notifies fifth indigenisation list of 346 items for DPSUs.

With the aim of boosting Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) in defence production and minimising imports by defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs), the Ministry of

Defence (MoD) has notified a fifth positive indigenisation list (PIL) comprising 346 defence items. The MoD has ordered that “these items will only be procured from the Indian industry after the timelines of indigenisation as indicated in the list available on the MoD’s Srijan portal.

Two new species of jumping spiders discovered from Western Ghats.

Two new species of jumping spiders have been discovered from various regions of the Western Ghats. The discovery of these spiders has made a significant contribution to wildlife science. Identification of these species was based on local traditional knowledge, aiding in the conservation of natural resources. Scientists have deemed this discovery campaign particularly important as it provides insights into the diversity and conservation of various forms of natural life.

Kotak811 releases the all new multi-featured Kotak811 Mobile Banking App.

Kotak Bank announces the latest enhancement of its Kotak811 Banking App, boasting a revamped user interface for a truly intuitive experience. The app is poised to transform UPI transactions and other essential banking features, opening the door to a world of seamless, safe, and convenient banking for millions of customers across the country.

India, Marshall Islands sign MoU on development projects.

India on Monday signed an agreement with the Marshall Islands to provide an annual grant for four community development projects as part of New Delhi’s outreach to Pacific Island states. The move comes against the backdrop of the four members of the Quad – India, Australia, Japan and the US – stepping up their engagement with the Pacific Islands amid China’s efforts to increase its influence in the strategic region.

ReNew Chairman to lead Global Climate Action as Alliance Co-Chair.

Renewable energy solutions provider ReNew on Monday said that its Chairman and CEO Sumant Sinha has been named the Co-Chair of Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders, the largest CEO-led climate alliance in the world, and a flagship initiative of the World Economic Forum (WEF). Sinha joins a group of influential leaders from top global companies such as, Novonosis CEO Ester Baiget, Ingka Group Ikea CEO Jesper Brodin, Chairman of Supervisory Board of Royal Philips Feike Sijbesma and Rich Lesser, the Global Chair of BCG and Alliance Chief Advisor, the company said.

Jyotiraditya Scindia launches NERACE App .

Union minister of communications and development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER) Jyotiraditya Scindia on Friday launched the North East Region Agri Commodity E-Connect (NERACE) with an aim to integrate farmers and sellers,

enhancing agricultural connectivity in the North Eastern Region. The app and web portal are expected to bring together 50,000 farmers and 5,000 buyers over the next five years.

Indian ship's captain and crew win 'extraordinary courage' award in Red Sea rescue.

Captain Brijesh Nambiar and the crew of the Indian Navy ship INS Visakhapatnam have been conferred a Letter of Commendation for their support to the oil tanker when in distress. Captain Avhilash Rawat and his crew of an oil tanker have been named among the winners of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) 2024 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea for their "extraordinary courage" shown in a Red Sea rescue mission.

Maharashtra 's Chief Minister Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana will provide support of ₹ 1,500 per month.

In a move aimed at empowering women, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and NCP chief Ajit Pawar announced the launch of the 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin' (CM My Beloved Sister) scheme. This initiative, unveiled during the presentation of the state Budget at the Maharashtra Assembly, will provide all women aged between 21 and 60 years in the state with a monthly allowance of ₹1,500 starting from July 2024.

Punjab National Bank signs pact with SAIL to offer loans.

State-owned Punjab National Bank has signed a pact with Steel Authority of India to provide home loan, car loan and education loan to the latter's employees at concessional rates. This strategic partnership aims to enhance the financial well-being of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) employees while expanding PNB's customer base within the steel sector, Punjab National Bank (PNB) said in a statement on Thursday.

Shri Jayant Chaudhary attends Kaushal Samwaad on World Youth Skills Day 2024.

Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Shri Jayant Chaudhary, attended an open house, "Kaushal Samwaad", to celebrate World Youth Skills Day, which is recognised globally by the United Nations. He also interacted with professionals, trained on various skills through different Skill India schemes and programs and their trainers during the event. The day also commemorated the 10th-year celebrations of the Skill India Mission. Shri Chaudhary and Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, MSDE, also planted a tree on the Kaushal Bhawan premises, symbolizing growth and the nurturing of talent.

Goi caps interest equalisation at Rs 1.66 crore per IEC for July-August 2024.

The Government of India has announced a cap of Rs 1.66 crore per Importer Exporter Code (IEC) under the Interest Equalisation Scheme for July-August 2024. This scheme aims to support exporters by subsidizing interest rates on loans. By limiting the subsidy amount, the government seeks to manage fiscal resources effectively while continuing to facilitate export growth. The decision comes amidst efforts to boost India's exports and enhance competitiveness in global markets.

Indian Air Force Hosts Exercise Pitch Black 2024 in Darwin, Australia.

An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent landed at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Darwin, Australia for participating in Exercise Pitch Black 2024. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 12 July 24 to 02 August 24, and is a biennial, multi-national exercise hosted by the RAAF. The name 'Pitch Black' was derived from the emphasis on night time flying over large un-populated areas. This edition is slated to be the largest in the 43 year long history of Ex Pitch Black, which includes participation by 20 countries, with over 140 aircraft and 4400 military personnel of various air forces.

PUMA to be footwear partner for Indian contingent at Paris Olympics 2024.

PUMA India has announced its partnership with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the official footwear partner for the Indian contingent heading to the Paris Olympics 2024. PUMA has launched a grand outdoor campaign titled "See the Game Like We Do" to honor and celebrate the achievements of Indian athletes. As part of this collaboration, over 100 Indian athletes will receive an array of products designed to enhance their training and comfort.

Kerala retains top spot in the latest SDG India Index rankings.

Kerala shares the top spot with Uttarakhand with a composite score of 79 points. It topped the list in 'zero hunger,' and quality education, stood second in climate action and third in both gender equality, and 'industry, innovation, and infrastructure. Kerala has retained its top ranking in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index brought out by the Niti Aayog, sharing the top spot in the 2023-24 edition with Uttarakhand with a composite score of 79 points.

K.P. Sharma Oli sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister.

The leader of Nepal's largest communist party was appointed Nepal's Prime Minister on Sunday by President Ram Chandra Paudel to lead a new coalition government that faces the daunting challenge of providing political stability in the Himalayan nation. Mr. Oli, 72, succeeds Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' who lost the vote of confidence in the House of Representatives on Friday, leading to the formation of the new government headed by Mr. Oli.

Prince Harry honored with Pat Tillman Award for Service at The ESPYS.

Prince Harry received the Pat Tillman Award for Service at The ESPYS on Wednesday night, and he mentioned the late Army Ranger's mother who had criticized ESPN for honoring the royal. With wife Meghan joining in a standing ovation, the Duke of Sussex accepted the trophy from three service veterans who were injured during their tours of duty. Harry served in the British military for 10 years, including two tours in Afghanistan as a helicopter pilot.

GRSE Wins ₹840 Crore Deal for Ocean Research Vessel.

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. has signed a deal with the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences for the construction and delivery of an ocean research vessel (ORV). The deal, which was signed on July 16, is said to be worth ₹840 crore and the project is expected to be implemented in the next 42 months. This is the third order that the company has secured in the last month.

Odisha CM felicitates Sudarsan Pattnaik for winning gold at International Sand Sculpture Championship.

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi felicitated sand artist Sudarshan Pattnaik at his residence in Bhubaneswar on Saturday for winning the Golden Sand Master Award with a gold medal at the International Sand Sculpture Championship held in St. Petersburg, Russia, the Chief Minister's office said. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said that while Pattnaik's talent has made him famous at the individual level, it has also made Odisha proud.

Argentina beat Colombia to win record 16th crown.

Defending champions Argentina secured their record 16th Copa America title by defeating Colombia 1-0, thanks to an extra-time goal from substitute Lautaro Martinez at Hard Rock Stadium in Florida on Sunday. Martinez, the tournament's leading scorer, received a precise through ball from Giovanni Lo Celso and lifted his shot over the advancing Colombian goalkeeper, Camilo Vargas, in the 112th minute, igniting wild celebrations amongst Argentina fans. Lautaro Martinez's goal was his fifth of the tournament, cementing his position as the top scorer and earning him the Copa America 2024 Golden Boot.