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1. International Yoga Day to be celebrated in Karnataka on 21st June



The Union Ministry of AYUSH has confirmed the holding of the 8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) in the city of Mysore, which is known as the cultural capital and major historical destination of the state of Karnataka, on June 21. Ministry of AYUSH has written a letter to Karnataka Chief Secretary P Ravikumar regarding the matter and has directed all concerned to issue necessary instructions to make arrangements for successful conduct of the main event of IDY-2022.

Preparation for IDY-2022 is already underway. As the upcoming 8th IDY falls in the year 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Ministry plans to celebrate IDY at 75 iconic sites across the country. This year, IDY will focus on branding India globally. Every year, the main event of IDY Observance takes place in a particular city where thousands of people participate in mass yoga performances by following common yoga protocols. The main program of IDY observation is led by the Prime Minister himself.

The main event of this IDY overview will be held in Mysore, Karnataka.

2. Jammu & Kashmir's First National Film Festival, DIPR & NFDC Sign MoU



As the National Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir is approaching, the Information and Public Relations Department of Jammu and Kashmir signed an MoU with National Film Development Corporation Limited. The MoU was signed by Shri Akshay Labru, Director, Information and Public Relations Department, J&K and Shri D Ramakrishnan, General Manager, NFDC in the presence of Shri Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor.

key points:

- National Film Development Corporation Limited and Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Jammu and Kashmir are organizing the big event, which will be from June 15 to June 20.
- The festival aims to highlight and promote the creative environment of the UT, as well as promote Jammu and Kashmir as a top destination for filmmakers from across the world.

Attendees:

- Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, CEO, Mission Youth.
- Ms. Tanu Rai, Deputy Director, Directorate of Film Festivals along with other top officials were also present.

3. International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Autonomous Territories: May 25-31



The United Nations is observing "International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories" from 25 to 31 May. On December 06, 1999, the United Nations General Assembly called for the annual observance of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Autonomous Territories. In the United Nations Charter, a non-autonomous territory is defined as a territory "whose people have not yet attained the full measure of self-government."

Objective of the International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Autonomous Territories:

The objective of the observation is to take effective measures to protect and guarantee the non-transferable rights of the people of non-autonomous territories to their natural resources, including land. To establish and maintain control

over the future development of those resources and request the administration to take all necessary steps to protect the property rights of the people of those territories.

History of the International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of the Non-Autonomous Territories:

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted resolution A/RES/54/91 on 6 December 1999 and decided to observe an annual International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Autonomous Territories starting from 25 May. The week was first observed in 2000.

Non-Autonomous Regions:

According to the United Nations Charter, a non-autonomous territory is defined as a territory "whose people have not yet attained the full measure of self-government." UN member states had identified a number of non-self-governing territories under their administration and included them in the United Nations list in 1946. Countries that administer non-autonomous territories are known as administrative powers. However, due to the process of liberation from colonialism, many areas were removed from the list.

4. World Thyroid Awareness Day: 25 May



World Thyroid Day is observed on 25 May to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid diseases, their symptoms, prevention and treatment. The day came into existence in 2008 on a resolution of the European Thyroid Association (ETA). Globally, more than 200 million people are estimated to be dealing with thyroid disorders, and 50 percent of these cases go undiagnosed, according to a report by Public Health Update.

World Thyroid Awareness Day: Theme

This year there is no different theme for World Thyroid Day. However, for Thyroid Awareness Week, observed between May 22 and 28, Thyroid Federation International has announced the theme, "It's not you, it's your thyroid." The theme focused on ensuring that people understood the most common symptoms of thyroid disorders and took the necessary steps to correct them.

World Thyroid Awareness Day: History

In September 2007, May 25 was officially adopted as World Thyroid Day during the annual general meeting before the Congress of the European Thyroid Association (ETA). The date of May 25 also marks the anniversary of ETA's foundation in 1965.

Hence, it was chosen as a day dedicated to create awareness about thyroid disorders.

5. Sangeet Akademi Announces Sangeet Kalanidhi Award 2020-22



Eminent singer and guru, Neyveli R Santanagopalan, eminent mridangam artist and guru, 'Thiruvarur' Bhaktavatsalam and Lalgudi violin duo, G J R Krishnan and Vijayalakshmi have been nominated for the Sangeet Akademi's prestigious Sangeet Kalanidhi Awards for 2020, 2021 and 2022 Was.

Sangeet Akademi announced the Sangeet Kalanidhi Award winners for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The physical festival could not be organized in the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. President of Sangeet Akademi N Murali will present the Chief Minister MK Stalin Award while inaugurating the 96th Annual Convention and Music Program on December 15, 2022.

Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award:

- Santhanagopalan will receive the Sangeet Kalanidhi Award for the year 2020 while Bhaktavatsalam has been selected for the award for the year 2021.

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- Krishnan and Vijayalakshmi, "the torch bearers of the Lalgudi dynasty of violinists and eminent artists" will receive the award for 2022.

For Sangeeta Kala Acharya Awards:

The Academy has chosen Nagaswaram exponent Kivalur N G Ganesan (2020), singer, musicologist, and guru Dr Reetha Rajan (2021), and vainika and musicologist Dr R S Jayalakshmi (2022).

TT K Awards for 2020, 2021 and 2022:

Renowned vocalist and guru Thamarkkad Govindan Namboodiri, versatile percussionist Nemani Somayazulu, and renowned kanjara artist A V Anand will receive the T T K awards for 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Musician Award:

The Musicologist Award for 2020 will be presented to Dr V Premlata for the year 2020. Nritya Kalanidhi will be presented to Bharatanatyam exponents Ram Vaidyanathan (2020) and Narthaki Nataraja (2021). Widely respected acting expert and mentor, Bragha Bessel will be honored with the award for 2022.

6. World Air Power Index 2022: Indian Air Force Ranks 3rd



Indian Air Force

The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) has released the 2022 World Air Powers Rankings. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been ranked third in the World Air Power Index in terms of the total combat capability of various air services of different countries of the world. The report placed the Indian Air Force (IAF) above the Chinese aviation-based armed forces (PLAAF), the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), the Israeli aviation-based armed forces and the French Air and Space Force. The report said that the Indian Air Force (IAF) currently counts a total of 1,645 units in its active aircraft inventory.

Key Points of World Air Power Index 2022:

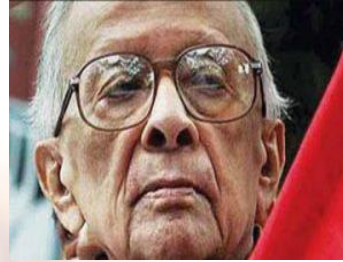
- The Global Air Powers Ranking (2022) report has given the United States Air Force (USAF) the highest TvR score. This includes a broad mix of aircraft types and many products are sourced locally from the country's vast industrial base. The highest attainable TvR score is 242.9 which the United States Air Force (USAF) has.
- In addition, it houses dedicated strategic level bombers, a large Helo, CAS aircraft, combat force and hundreds of transport aircraft and the USAF will be strengthened with hundreds of units in the coming days.
- The report evaluates the total combat power of different air forces of different countries of the

world and ranks them accordingly. Currently, the WDMMA is followed by 98 countries, which includes 124 air administrations and 47,840 airplanes.

How does the WDMMA prepare its report?

- The formula produces the 'TrueValue Rating' (TVR), which helps WDMMA differentiate each power based on overall strength and factors such as modernization, logistic support, attack and defense capabilities.
- Factors such as modernization, logistic support, attack and defense capabilities are being considered. Thus, a country's military air power is ranked not only by the total quantity of its aircraft, but also considering its quality and components of inventory.
- WDMMA states that the concept of TvR is under process and it keeps updating as per the requirement.
- Importance is mainly given to categories that are usually overlooked by some of the powers, namely special-missions, dedicated bomber forces, CAS, training and on-order units. It also focuses on local air-industry capabilities, inventory balance (the usual mix of unit types), and force experience.

7. Veteran communist leader Shivaji Patnaik passes away



Veteran communist leader and three-time MP Shivaji Patnaik passed away at the age of 93. Shivaji Patnaik is lauded as the founder of the CPI (Marxist) in Odisha. Born on 10 August 1930, the veteran leader joined the state's student movement at the age of 17, while studying at Renshaw College. He was instrumental in the formation of the CPI(M) in 1964, when the Communist Party suffered a split. He was the party secretary from 1971 to 1990. He was also elected to the Central Committee of the party.

8. France's Total Energies to Buy Stake in Adani's Hydrogen Business



France's oil and gas major, Total Energy, is expected to acquire a minority stake of 10% or more in Adani Group's hydrogen business (ANIL), under newly formed company Adani New Industries Ltd. The agreement is nearing completion, and an announcement is expected in the coming months.

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In India, Total previously partnered with Adani in 2018 with investments in Adani Gas Limited, city gas distribution business, associated LNG terminal business and gas marketing business. Total acquired a 37.4 per cent stake in Adani Gas Ltd and a 50 per cent stake in the Dhamra LNG project. Then, Adani and Total also agreed to an alliance in the wider sustainable energy sector. Total and Adani agreed to acquire a 50 percent stake in operating solar assets owned by Adani Gas in a 2.35 GWac portfolio and a 20 percent stake in Adani Green Energy for a global investment of \$2.5 billion.

Adani Total Gas and Hydrogen Business of Adani Group (ANIL):

Adani Total Gas is an Indian municipal gas distribution firm that provides natural gas connections and compressed natural gas stations to both industrial and residential users. It is a joint venture between the Adani Group and French oil and gas business Total Energies. As of November 2020, Adani Total Gas has a standalone presence in 22 Geographical Areas (GAs). In addition, IndianOil-Adani Gas Pvt Ltd, a 50:50 joint venture of Adani Total Gas and Indian Oil Corporation, manages the city gas distribution network in 19 GA. To become the world's largest renewable energy company and provide the cheapest hydrogen Gautam Adani's logistics-to-energy group has set up a new

subsidiary, ANIL, for green hydrogen projects, low-carbon power generation and manufacturing of wind turbines, solar modules and batteries.

Total Energies:

Total Energies SE, one of seven "supermajor" oil corporations, is a French multinational integrated oil and gas firm founded in 1924. Its operations span the entire oil and gas value chain, from crude oil and natural gas exploration and production through power generation, transportation, refining, petroleum product marketing, and international crude oil and products trading. Total Energies also produces a huge amount of chemicals.

9. SBI Launches Real Time Express Credit on YONO Platform



State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the launch of real-time express credit on its YONO platform to enable eligible customers to avail personal loans up to Rs 35 lakh. The bank said that its flagship personal loan product "Express Credit" for salaried customers now has a digital avatar and customers can now avail the same through YONO.

Under Real-time Express Credit:

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- Real-time Express Credit, Defense salaried customers of Central, State Government and SBI will no longer need to visit a branch to avail a personal loan. It will be a 100% paperless and digital experience and will be an eight-stage journey.

- The Express Credit product will enable our customers to experience a digital, hassle free and paperless loan process. To make banking easier, SBI constantly strives to provide its customers with a technology-led advanced digital banking experience."

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- World Thyroid Day is celebrated on - **25 May**
- The country whose eminent scientist Yuan Longping died at the age of 91 - **China**
- In the national executive meeting of the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), who has been unanimously elected as the new president of the party- **Jayant Choudhary**
- United Kingdom recently started the process of starting free trade talks with which country - **India**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)- **Subodh Jaiswal**
- The President of the Badminton Association of India (BAI) who was elected to the Badminton

World Federation (BWF) council for four years -

Himanta Biswa Sarma

- **The Union Cabinet has approved the opening of a new Consulate of India in the city of Addu - Maldives**

- **After a five-year comprehensive study conducted by the researchers of Delhi University, as many more species have been included in the list of snakes present in Delhi- eight**

QUIZ

1. After the resignation of the former Lieutenant Governor, Anil Baijal, who among the following has been appointed as new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi?

A. Aditya Kumar Anand

B. Vinit Nandanwar

C. Vinai Kumar Saxena

D. Vishal Sarangal

C. Vinai Kumar Saxena

- Vinai Kumar Saxena, who served as a chairperson of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi.

- He was appointed as the chairman of KVIC in October 2015.

- He has replaced former LG Anil Baijal, who headed Delhi's government for five years.

2. Who among the following has won the Spanish Grand Prix 2022?

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A Max Verstappen

B George Russell

C Charles Leclerc

D Sergio Perez

A Max Verstappen

- Formula One world champion, Max Verstappen has won the Spanish Grand Prix in a Red Bull to take over at the top from Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.
- Mexican Sergio Perez finished second, and British George Russell has finished third

3. Which of the following government owned oil and gas explorer and producer has become the first Exploration and Production (E&P) company in India to trade domestic gas on Indian Gas Exchange?

A Indian Oil Corporation

B Hindustan Petroleum

C Bharat Petroleum

D Oil and Natural Gas

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- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has become the first Exploration and Production (E&P) company in India to trade domestic gas on Indian Gas Exchange.
- The first online trade was made on 23 May 2022 by Anurag Sharma (ONGC Director (Onshore) In-charge Marketing) on India's first automated national level Gas Exchange, IGX.
- The gas traded is from ONGC Krishna Godavari 98/2 block.

4. Which of the following international non-governmental organisation has announced the

Alliance of CEO Climate Action Leaders to supercharge India's climate action and decarbonization efforts?

A Quadrilateral Security Dialogue

B World Wide Fund for Nature

C Food and Agriculture Organization

D World Economic Forum

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- The World Economic Forum (WEF) has announced the Alliance of CEO Climate Action Leaders to supercharge India's climate action and decarbonization efforts.
- The alliance will continue their efforts to achieve the India vision, 'Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India', on India's low-carbon transition by 2070.
- To bring together the government, businesses, and other key stakeholders to achieve PM Narendra Modi's ambitious 'Panchamrit' pledge.

5. Which of the following state has signed an MoU worth 30,000 crore rupees with 23 companies at the World Economic Forum in Davos?

A Uttar Pradesh

B Madhya pRadesh

C Odisha

D Maharashtra

D Maharashtra

- The Maharashtra Government has signed MoUs worth 30,000 crore rupees with 23 companies from different parts of the world at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

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- Subhash Desai (Maharashtra Industries Minister) and other ministers from Maharashtra Cabinet were in Davos to attract investment opportunities.
- More than 55% of investment would come from Singapore, Indonesia, USA, and Japan.

6. Shikhar Dhawan becomes first player to hit 700 fours in IPL, he is associated with which IPL team?

- A Mumbai Indians B Punjab Kings
C Sunrisers Hyderabad D Lucknow Super Giants

B Punjab Kings

Punjab Kings batsman, Shikhar Dhawan has become the first player to hit 700 fours in the history of the IPL.

The batter has now a total of 701 IPL fours to his name, followed by David Warner (577) and Virat Kohli (576).

He achieved this milestone during the match between PBKS and Sunrisers Hyderabad at the Wankhede.

7. Which of the following hockey team has won the India Senior Women's National Championship 2022 title?

- A Haryana B Odisha
C Karnataka D Jharkhand

B Odisha

- Hockey Association of Odisha became the champion of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship 2022 after a

victory over Hockey Karnataka in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

- Earlier, Jharkhand Hockey team has defeated Hockey Haryana by 3-2 in the third-fourth place match.

- Punam Barla (34') has opened the scoring in the match in the third quarter as Odisha picked up the lead.

8. Veteran leader Sivaji Patnaik, passed away who was related to which political party?

- A Indian National Congress
B Bahujan Samaj Party
C Nationalist Congress Party
D Communist Party of India (Marxist)

D Communist Party of India (Marxist)

- Veteran CPI (M) leader and former parliamentarian Shivaji Patnaik passed away at 92.
- Patnaik had joined the undivided Community Party of India (CPI) in 1947 and was the architect of the formation of CPI(M) in Odisha in 1961.
- He was elected from the Lok Sabha seat (Bhubaneswar) thrice in 1977, 1989 and 1991.

9. Union Minister of State (IC) Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh has launched Single National Portal, 'BioRRAP' for Biotech researchers and Start-ups. What is the full form of 'BioRRAP'?

- A Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal
B Biological Regulatory Research Approval Portal

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C Biological Research Regulatory Authority Portal

D Biological Research Regulatory Appeal Portal

A Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal

- Dr Jitendra Singh (Union Minister of State (IC) Ministry of Science and Technology) has launched Single National Portal for Biotech researchers and Start-ups.

- The Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal (BioRRAP) will cater to all those seeking regulatory approval for biological research & development activity in the country.

- India will figure among the top 5 countries of the world by 2025 in Global Bio-manufacturing Hub.

10. The Music Academy has announced the Sangita Kalanidhi for various artistes from the years 2020-22. Who among the following will receive Sangita Kalanidhi for 2020?

A Tiruvarur Bhakthavathsalam

B Neyveli R Santanagopalan

C Lalgudi GJR Krishnan and Vijayalakshmi

D Guru Dr Ritha Rajan

- The Music Academy has announced the Sangita Kalanidhi and other awards for various artistes from the years 2020-22.

- The Sangita Kalanidhi award will be given to: Renowned vocalist Neyveli R Santanagopalan (2020), eminent mridangam artiste Tiruvarur Bhakthavathsalam (2021) and violin duo Lalgudi GJR Krishnan and Vijayalakshmi (2022).

- The Music academy also announced other awards including Nritya Kalanidhi for three recipients in the dance segment.