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1. BCCI named RuPay as the official partner for Tata IPL 2022



Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s, Indian Premier League (IPL) Governing Council has announced National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)'s flagship product RuPay as an official partner for the Tata IPL 2022. This will be a multi-year partnership. RuPay offers tech-led, innovative, and customized offerings to people across India, being accepted in India and internationally.

Tata IPL 2022 will be co-presented by Dream11 and co-powered by Tata and CRED. Swiggy, Prystin Care, Zepto, Livspace, L'Oreal, and Spinny have been signed-on as associate sponsors.

The 15th edition of Tata IPL 2022 will start on 26th March 2022. A total of 70 league matches will be played across four international venues in Mumbai and Pune. The venue for the playoff matches will be decided later.

2. PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Rs 11,400 Crore Pune Metro Rail Project



The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi has inaugurated Pune Metro Rail Project on March 06, 2022, and also interacted with differently-abled, visually impaired students present inside the metro coach, during his 10-minute ride in the Pune Metro. Pune Metro Rail Project has been built at a total cost of INR 11,420 Crore. It has a total length of 33.2 km and 30 stations.

Pune Metro is the first metro project in the country to have Aluminum body coaches, indigenously manufactured under the Make in India policy of Govt. PM Modi also unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at the premises of the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple developmental projects in Pune.

3. SBI named ex-Ujjivan Small Finance Bank CEO Nitin Chugh as DMD



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State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed former Ujjivan Small Finance Bank CEO, Nitin Chugh as Deputy Managing Director (DMD) to drive digital banking operations. He has been appointed for an initial term of three years. Prior to this appointment, Chugh was CEO and managing director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank. He joined there from HDFC Bank where he served as the Group Head of Digital Banking.

According to public notice by SBI, the position would be responsible for envisioning, developing and executing of bank's digital banking strategy and business plan for imparting digital knowledge/skills in a constructive, empowering and collaborative way.

4. India's first indigenous Flying Trainer HANSA-NG completes sea level trials



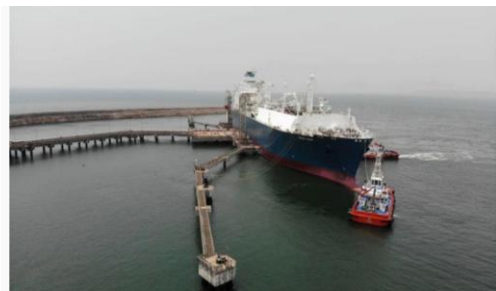
India's first indigenously developed Flying Trainer, 'HANSA-NG', successfully completed the sea-level trials at Puducherry. HANSA-NG was flown from Bengaluru to Puducherry on February 19, covering a distance of 140 nautical miles in 1.5 hours at a cruising speed of 155 km/hr. The objectives of sea level trials is to evaluate

handling qualities, climb / cruise performance, balked landing, structural performance including positive & negative G, power plant and other systems performance.

Key points:

- The aircraft has been designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), under the aegis of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- HANSA-NG is one of the most advanced flying trainers, designed to meet the Indian flying club needs and it is an ideal aircraft for Commercial Pilot Licensing (CPL) due to its low cost and low fuel consumption.
- A trainer aircraft is designed specifically to facilitate flight training of pilots and aircrews.

5. India's first FSRU Hoegh Giant Arrives at Jaigarh Terminal 2022



H-Jaigarh Energy's Terminal in Maharashtra has received India's first floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU). On April 12, 2021, the FSRU Höegh Giant arrived at Jaigarh Terminal in Maharashtra after sailing from Keppel Shipyard in Singapore. This will be India's first FSRU-based

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LNG receiving terminal, as well as Maharashtra's first year-around LNG facility.

KEY POINTS:

- The Höegh Giant, which was erected in 2017, has a storage capacity of 1,70,000 cubic metres and a regasification capacity of 750 million cubic feet per day (equivalent to about six million tpa). FSRU has been chartered for a 10-year period by H-Energy.
- The Höegh Giant LNG terminal will be connected to the national gas grid via the 56-kilometer Jaigarh-Dabhol natural gas pipeline.
- The facility will also deliver LNG to onshore distribution via truck loading facilities. Reloading LNG into small-scale LNG vessels for bunkering services is also possible at the plant
- H-Energy also plans to boost the region's small-scale LNG market, utilising FSRU for LNG storage and reloading into smaller boats.

LNG TERMINAL:

- The LNG terminal was built by H-Energy to world-class technical and safety standards.
- The LNG terminal is located in JSW Jaigarh Port in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri district. The port is Maharashtra's first deep-water private port that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

6. Minister of Electronics & IT inaugurates Tech Conclave 2022



National Informatics Centre (NIC) has partnered with governments on digital initiatives. We've constructed state-of-the-art PAN-India ICT infrastructure, digital platforms, and solutions for the government's exclusive usage over the years. We've helped the federal and state governments automate their procedures and deliver public services electronically.

KEY POINTS:

- It is critical to stay current with the latest technologies because the IT industry is always upgrading and improving. It is also critical that government personnel become aware of and adapt to new and evolving technologies.
- NIC has been hosting a Tech Conclave on Emerging Technologies, which are particularly useful in e-Government. "Next Gen Technologies for Digital Government" is the theme of this year's Tech Conclave.
- Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Railways and Communications, will inaugurate the 3rd edition of the NIC Tech Conclave 2022, a two-day event held by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), on March 3rd and 4th, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

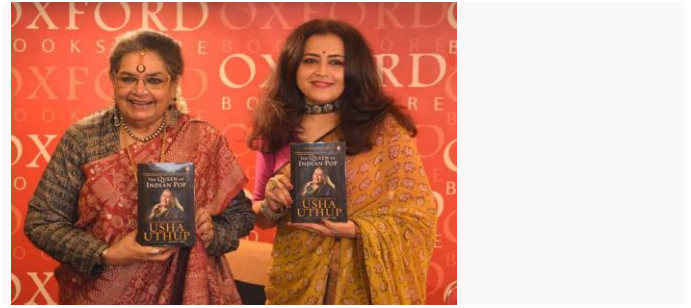
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•Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Electronics and Information Technology, will be the guest of honour at the event. The Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, as well as other dignitaries from the Centre and state governments, will attend the ceremony.

BENEFITS:

- The benefits can range from gaining a better grasp of the industry's ICT best practises to disseminating awareness of the latest technologies and trends that are useful in the society's big digital transition.
- The Tech Conclave will provide IT managers from government ministries and departments with information on the latest ICT technology and their applications, as well as industry best practices.
- It will also provide a forum for state IT secretaries to learn more about innovative technologies and applications that can be implemented in their jurisdictions.
- It would allow contact between government industry and IT managers, greatly contributing to capacity building, particularly in government operations across the country, and assisting in the delivery of high-quality citizen-centric services.

7. The Queen Of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography Of Usha Uthup



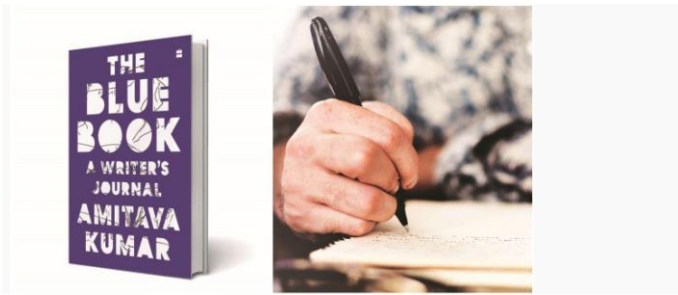
The biography of pop icon Usha Uthup titled “The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup” was released. The book was originally written in Hindi titled “Ullas Ki Naav” by author Vikas Kumar Jha. “The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup” is the English translation of the book, translated by the writer’s daughter Srishti Jha. The book is published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).

The career of Usha Uthup:

The 74-year-old pop icon, who completed 50 years as a professional singer in 2020, is widely known for evergreen hits such as “Hari Om Hari”, “Rambha Ho” and “Jeete Hain Shaan Se”. She has sung in several Indian and foreign languages including Bengali, Hindi, English, German, Italian and Sinhalese.

8. A book titled ‘The Blue Book’ by authored by Journalist Amitava Kumar

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Indian writer and journalist, Amitava Kumar has come out with a new book titled 'The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal'. The book has been published by HarperCollins India. The Blue Book is the outcome of the diary-keeping by the author during the time of lockdown due to pandemics. The author has used watercolour drawings as well as words to depict the experience, both individual and collective, of the pandemic.

The Blue Book is a rare species of magical realism where words become paintings, and paintings turn into beguiling (charming) literary anthropology of 'reality and surreality' that leaves us stunned. Known for his visceral post-colonial novels of exile and homelessness with shape-shifting itinerant memories of cities, places and people, Kumar uses the alchemical power of the drawings in his genre-defying diary to evoke a world that is together redemptive and regressive in the most frightening times of a global pandemic.

9. CISF observed its 53rd Raising Day on March 06



The 53rd Raising Day ceremony of Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) was organised on March 06, 2022, in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has attended and addressed the Raising Day ceremony of CISF at Ghaziabad's Indirapuram. The CISF, which functions under the Union Home Ministry, is a central armed police force and among one of the six paramilitary forces of India. Over 30 lakh passengers in Delhi Metro and 10 lakh passengers in airports across the country pass through the security of CISF.

Key points of CISF:

- CISF was set up under an Act of the Parliament of India on 10 March 1969, to provide security cover to industrial units, government infrastructure projects and facilities and establishments located all over India.
- Eventually, it was made an armed force of the Republic of India by another Act of Parliament passed on 15 June 1983.
- CISF is one of six paramilitary forces in India and functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Its headquarters is in New Delhi.

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10. Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cups



Indian women cricket captain, Mithali Raj has become the first woman to appear in six World Cups. She is the only third cricketer overall to play six world cup after Sachin Tendulkar and Javed Miandad. She has played in the ICC women's cricket world cup events in 2000, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017 and now in 2022. The ICC women's cricket world cup 2022 is being held in New Zealand.

In the women's game, the Indian batter surpassed former New Zealand cricketers, Debbie Hockley and Charlotte Edwards of England. Fast bowler Jhulan Goswami, Raj's India teammate for the longest time, stands second on the list with five World Cup appearances.

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- BCCI Founded: **1928;**
- BCCI Headquarters: **Mumbai, Maharashtra, India;**
- BCCI President: **Sourav Ganguly;**
- BCCI Vice president: **Rajeev Shukla;**

- BCCI Secretary: **Jay Shah;**
- BCCI Men's coach: **Rahul Dravid;**
- BCCI Women's coach: **Ramesh Powar.**
- Director-General of CISF: **Sheel Vardhan Singh.**