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1. Former Australia Cricketer Andrew

Symonds Dies In Car Accident



Former Australian all-rounder Andrew Symonds has been killed in a car crash. The 46-year-old, who played 26 Tests and 198 one-day internationals for Australia from 1998 to 2009, was involved in a single-car accident outside Townsville in Queensland state. Symonds was also a top-rate fielder and was a key part of Australia's back-to-back 50-over World Cups triumphs in 2003 and 2007. Domestically, he played for Queensland for 17 seasons, while appearing for Gloucestershire, Kent, Lancashire and Surrey in the English County Championship and for Deccan Chargers and Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League. Symonds, who was born in England with one parent of Afro-Caribbean descent, will also be remembered for the infamous "monkeygate" scandal that sent him into a downward spiral. He accused India spinner Harbhajan Singh of calling him a "monkey" in Sydney's 2008 New Year Test.

2. International Day of Living Together in Peace 2022: 16 May



The International Day of Living Together in Peace is held on 16th May every year. The day is celebrated on the 16th of May throughout the world and with its annual observance, it aims to urge people to live together in a united and peaceful way. Individuals can attain this by listening to each other and respecting one another despite their differences. Living together in peace is all about accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognize, respect and appreciate others, as well as living in a peaceful and united way.

History of the International Day of Living Together in Peace:

The day first came into being after the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to declare 16 May as the International Day of Living Together in Peace on 8 December 2017. The first International Day of Living Together in Peace was observed in 2018. Ever since the end of World War II, the United Nations has been on a mission to work towards world peace. The year 2000 was recognised as 'The International Year

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for a Culture of Peace and from 2001 to 2010, the UN declared it the "International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for Children of the World."

3. International Day of Light 2022 Observed on 16th May



International Day of Light 2022

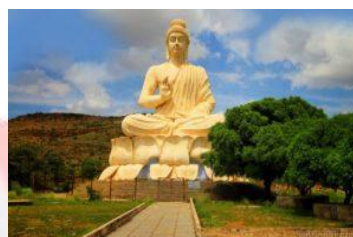
The International Day of Light is celebrated on 16 May each year, the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman. This day is a call to strengthen scientific cooperation and harness its potential to foster peace and sustainable development. The laser is a perfect example of how a scientific discovery can yield revolutionary benefits to society in communications, healthcare and many other fields.

Significance of the International Day of Light:

The International Day of Light celebrates the role light plays in science, culture and art, education, and sustainable development, and in fields as diverse as medicine, communications, and

energy. The celebration will allow many different sectors of society worldwide to participate in activities that demonstrate how science, technology, art and culture can help achieve the goals of UNESCO – building the foundation for peaceful societies

4. Vesak Day or Buddha Purnima 2022 : 16 May 2022



Buddha Purnima 2022

This year Vesak Day or Buddha Purnima is celebrated on 16 May 2022. "Vesak", the full moon day in the month of May, is the holiest day for millions of Buddhists around the world. Two and a half millennia ago, on the day of Vesak, in the year 623 BC, Gautama Buddha was born. It was on the day of Vesak that Buddha attained enlightenment, and on the day of Vesak Buddha passed away in his eighty years.

The birth of Gautam Buddha is celebrated by Buddhists and Hindus around the world as the major festival of Buddha Purnima in countries such as India, Nepal, Bhutan, Burma, Thailand, Tibet, China, Korea, Laos, Vietnam, Mongolia,

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Cambodia, Singapore, Indonesia and Sri Lanka (where it is called Vesak) but every country celebrates it differently.

Teachings of Gautam Buddha:

- The Buddha's teachings, and his message of compassion and peace and goodwill, have influenced millions. Millions of people around the world follow the Buddha's teachings and the day of Vesak commemorates the birth, attainment of enlightenment and the death of the Buddha.
- Peace, understanding and a vision of humanity that overcomes national and other international differences is essential if we are to face the complexities of the nuclear age.
- This philosophy is at the heart of the Charter of the United Nations and should be prominent in all our thinking, especially during this International Year of Peace" - Javier Pérez de Cuellar.

5. Prime Minister attended the 2nd Global COVID-19 Virtual Summit



Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a reform of the UN health authority and a review of its

vaccine approval processes a week after the government challenged the WHO's numbers for mortality during the Covid outbreak.

Mr. Modi also called for the World Trade Organization to be more flexible on the issue of patent waivers, where a joint India-South Africa proposal made in 2020 has yet to be adopted, speaking at the second global Covid summit, which was virtually addressed by US President Joseph Biden and a number of other leaders including from the African Union, European Union, Canada, Germany, South Africa, Japan, and South Korea.

KEY POINTS:

- Taiwan was invited to the meeting by the US and other hosts, but China and Russia declined.
- In the years 2020 and 2021, the WHO predicted 4.7 million fatalities in India, directly or indirectly due to Covid-19, over 10 times what the government estimates, making India's death toll the largest in the world.
- More than 30 countries attended the conference, which was co-hosted by the United States, Belize, Germany, Indonesia, and Senegal.
- According to a press statement from the US government, the 2nd global covid summit resulted in more than \$3 billion in additional financial pledges from participation, multilateral and charitable organisations, on top of promises made in 2021 and 2022.

6. Manik Saha named as new chief minister of Tripura

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Rajya Sabha MP and BJP state president Manik Saha is all set to take over as the new Chief Minister of Tripura. Manik Saha, the BJP State unit president and lone Rajya Sabha MP from Tripura, was elected as legislature party leader at a meeting held at the Chief Minister's official residence. The decision was taken at a legislature party meeting following the resignation of CM Biplab Kumar Deb.

Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has stepped down from his position after meeting Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J.P. Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah during a two-day trip to New Delhi. Mr. Deb made the announcement after submitting his resignation to Governor S.N. Arya at the Raj Bhavan in Agartala. The State is slated to go to Assembly elections in 2023.

7. COP15 Session on combating desertification: Bhupender Yadav led the Indian delegation



The Indian team, led by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav, arrived in Abidjan, Cote D Ivoire, for the UN Convention on Combating Desertification's 15th Conference of Parties (UNCCD COP15). The fourteenth session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification was held in New Delhi, and India is the current president of the organisation.

- Despite the covid outbreak, India made major contributions to bringing nations together to achieve the global aim of preventing and reversing land degradation during its presidency.
- During India's presidency, G-20 leaders, recognising the importance of countering land degradation and developing new carbon sinks, set an aspirational goal of planting 1 trillion trees collectively by 2030, urging other countries to join forces with the G20 to achieve this global goal.
- The fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), which will take place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, will bring together leaders from governments, the private sector, civil society, and other key stakeholders from around the world to drive progress in future sustainable land management and to explore links between land and other key sustainability issues.
- These problems will be considered at the high-level phase and will include a Heads of States

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Summit, high-level roundtables and interactive dialogue sessions, as well as a variety of additional special and side activities.

- Drought, land restoration, and associated enablers including land rights, gender equality, and youth empowerment are among the conference's major priorities. COP15 is expected to galvanise sustainable solutions for land restoration and drought resilience through resolutions made by the UNCCD's 197 Parties, with a significant focus on future-proofing land usage.

8. RBI imposed Rs 59 lakh penalty on KEB Hana Bank



Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of **Rs 59 lakh** on the Korean bank, **KEB Hana Bank** for non-compliance with the certain norms related to 'interest rate on deposits. The Korean bank has been penalised for non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on "Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016". The statutory inspection for supervisory evaluation of KEB Hana Bank was conducted by RBI with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2020. RBI, however, said the penalty is based on the deficiencies in regulatory compliance

and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.

9. Gaganyaan Mission, 2023: S2000 Manned-Rated Rocket Booster Successfully Tested



At the Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully completed the static test of the Manned-Rated Solid Rocket Booster (HS200) for the Gaganyaan programme.

According to the Bengaluru-based space agency, the HS200 satellite launch vehicle is a human-rated version of the S200 rocket booster of GSLV Mk III, also known as LVM3.

key points:

- The successful completion of this test is a significant milestone for ISRO's famous Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme, as the first stage of the launch vehicle is tested for full duration performance.
- ISRO Chairman and Secretary, Department of Space S Somnath and Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC) Director S Unnikrishnan Nair along with other ISRO scientists were also present at the ceremony.

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- The HS200 booster was designed and developed by VSSC in Thiruvananthapuram, while the propellant casting was completed at SDSC in Sriharikota.
- The S200 motor, which is the first stage of the LVM3 launch vehicle, was designed as a strap-on rocket booster to launch a 4,000 kg class satellite into geosynchronous transfer orbit.
- LVM3 has been selected as the launch vehicle for the Gaganyaan mission based on its successful launch history, including the Chandrayaan mission.
- It was stated that the LVM3 launch vehicle was improved to meet manned rating requirements for manned space missions.
- ISRO Chairman and Secretary, Department of Space: S Somnath
- Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC): S Unnikrishnan Nair

10. 'Gatishakti Sanchar' portal for centralized routing rights launched by DoT



The Department of Telecom has launched Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal, which will streamline the application and approval process for Right of Way (RoW) across the country. According to Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, the platform will help achieve the goal of ease of doing business for

telecom infrastructure projects, which is in line with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

He said that quick disposal of ROW apps by various service and infrastructure providers will allow faster infrastructure creation, which will aid in timely deployment of 5G networks. The Minister appreciated the contribution of the States and Union Territories and the cooperation of the Central Government in bringing the Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal online.

About Gatishakti Sanchar Portal:

Applicants from various Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and Infrastructure Providers (IPs) will be able to apply to the states and local governments for the right to lay optical fiber cables and install mobile towers through a single platform. The platform also has a powerful dashboard that shows state and district-level pendency status for effective tracking of RoW applications across the country.

ONE LINER

- Director General of WHO: **Tedros Ghebreyesus**
 - US President: **Joe Biden**
 - Tripura Capital: **Agartala;**
 - Chief Minister of Tripura: **Biplab Kumar Deb;**
 - Tripura Governor: **Satyadev Narayan Arya.**
 - Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India: **Ashwini Vaishnav**
- Recently the country whose men's badminton

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team has won the Thomas Cup title for the first time by defeating Indonesia 3-0 in the final in Bangkok - **India**

- Recently, the former Australian cricketer who died in a car accident at the age of 46 - **Andrew Symonds**

- World Agri-Tourism Day is celebrated on 16 May

- The country which has been elected as the new President of Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-24 - **India**

- International Day of Families is celebrated on 15 May

- Ranil Wickremesinghe took oath as the 26th Prime Minister of the country- **Sri Lanka**

- Who took oath as the new Chief Minister of Tripura - **Manik Saha**

- Russia's largest electricity supply company RAO Nordic has recently banned the country to which imported electricity supply - **Finland**