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1. India to be honored with 'Country of Honour' at Cannes Marche du Film held in France



Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Singh Thakur has announced that India will be the official 'Country of Honour' in the upcoming 'Marché du Film', which is organized along with the Cannes Film Festival in France. This year the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival is being held in France. The 'Country of Honour' status has ensured India's presence as a focus country at the opening night of the Marche du Films being held at Majestic Beach and celebrates India, its cinema, its culture and Throws light on heritage.

Key Points:

- Shri Thakur said that India has also been given the status of Honored Nation at Cannes Next, under which five new start-ups in the audio-visual industry will get an opportunity to grow.
- In this festival from India, R. The world premiere of the film Rocketry produced by Madhavan will also be a focal point of attraction.
- India has been allowed to present five selected films in the 'Goes to Cannes section'. A cinema hall named Olympia Screen has been dedicated to India on 22nd May to screen movies not released yet.
- The theme of this year's Indian Pavilion is India the Current Hub of the World. It will showcase Indian cinema along with the country's linguistic, cultural and regional diversities and will act as a networking platform for the representatives of the global community.

These films are part of the Work in Progress lab under Film Bazaar:

- Baghjan - Assamese, Morani by Jaicheng Zaxai Dohutia
- Bailadila by Shailendra Sahu - Hindi, Chhattisgarhi
- Ek Sthan Apni (A Space of Our Own) by Ektara Collective - Hindi
- Flowers by Harshad Nalwade - Marathi, Kannada, Hindi

2. Arvind Krishna, the chairman of IBM elected to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York



IBM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Arvind Krishna has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The bank announced that 60-year-old Krishna has been elected as a 'Class B Director'. Krishna will hold the post till December 31, 2023, the statement said.

About Arvind Krishna (About the Arvind Krishna):

Arvind Krishna, who studied at IIT Kanpur, will join the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He has been selected as Class B director by the bank. He is currently the Chairman and CEO (Chairman and Chief Executive) of IBM.

Prior to his tenure as IBM's CEO, Krishna, 60, was senior vice president of Cloud and Cognitive Software. He also headed IBM Research. He was general manager of the development and manufacturing organization for IBM Systems and Technology Group.

What is Federal Reserve Bank of New York

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is one of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks of America. It is responsible for the Federal Reserve System's second district, which includes the state of New York, the 12 northern counties of New Jersey, Fairfield County in Connecticut, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. State of New York. Includes Virgin Islands. It is the largest bank by assets and the most active and influential bank by volume.

3. A Joint Declaration of Intent between India and Germany on the Hydrogen Task Force



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India and German Hydrogen Task Force on Union Minister of Energy, New and Renewable Energy, R. Of. Singh and German Minister of Economic and Climate Change Dr. Robert Hebeck signed a Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI). India has emerged as a global leader in the energy transition, with the world's highest pace of expansion in renewable energy capacity. Minister R.K. Singh informed his German counterpart that India has a clear bidding process, an open market, a quick dispute resolution system and is widely considered one of the most attractive RE investment destinations. (RE investment destinations).

Key Points:

- India has lofty goals in terms of energy transition. By 2030, 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity will be added to this.
- India has submitted proposals for green hydrogen.
- German companies compete for the development of this ecosystem in India.
- Under the agreement signed to strengthen mutual cooperation in the production, use, storage and distribution of green hydrogen by creating an enabling framework for projects, regulations and standards, trade, and joint research and development (R&D) projects The countries will set up an Indo-German Green Hydrogen Task Force.
- The National Green Hydrogen Mission was created with the objective of making India a global hub for green hydrogen production and export. Germany has also drawn up a bold national hydrogen strategy with the goal of becoming a global leader in hydrogen technology.
- India, with its rich renewable energy potential and experience in implementing renewable energy projects, can make low-cost green hydrogen to gradually decarbonize a range of industry sectors, as well as to meet global demand. It can also be exported. Germany is already undertaking various hydrogen initiatives thanks to its capabilities in research and industry. Both countries are working to establish a national hydrogen economy. The long-term objective is to reduce emissions while protecting the ecosystem. This requires a global increase in green hydrogen production and consumption. As a result, India and Germany support the creation of a global green hydrogen economy to help meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. Both sides believe that achieving common

goals requires closer cooperation, based on individual strengths and capabilities.

4. InterGlobe Aviation Appoints Venkataramani Sumantran as Chairman of the Board of Directors



InterGlobe Aviation announced that Venkataramani Sumantran has been named the chairman of the IndiGo board. Sumantran has worked in America, Europe and Asia during his career spanning more than 37 years. He is a corporate leader, technocrat and educationist. Sumantran is the Managing Director and Chairman of the strategic advisory firm Celeris Technologies. Melvetil Damodaran had resigned from his post on Tuesday after turning 75. Sumantran will take over Melvetil Damodaran.

Key Points:

- The airline will benefit from Sumantran's understanding of international markets.
- Sumantran has served on the Prime Minister of India's Science Advisory Council and on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Indian Cabinet.
- He was the Executive Vice President of Hinduja Automotive (UK) and Vice President of Ashok Leyland Limited till 2014.
- According to the data, India's largest airline IndiGo carried 58.61 lakh passengers in March, which is 54.8 percent of the domestic market.

5. Telangana Government Expands Insurance Coverage Under 'Nethanna Bima' Scheme



Telangana State Government has announced the extension of insurance coverage for handloom and power loom weavers under the 'Nethanna Bima' (Weaver's Insurance) scheme. The state government

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has issued orders to increase the insurance coverage for weavers to Rs 5 lakh under the insurance scheme. Now the insurance coverage fixed for weavers has become at par with the insurance coverage of farmers.

Under the Scheme:

- More than Rs.29 crores have been sanctioned for implementing the scheme during this year. The cabinet sub-committee had proposed to cover more than 55 thousand handloom and powerloom and allied weavers in the state.
 - Insurance coverage will be extended to weavers in the age group of 18 to 59 years. Insurance benefit will be given to the family of the death of the weaver or ancillary worker. The scheme is likely to be launched next month.
 - A senior official of the handloom department said that the department has been directed to prepare draft guidelines and submit them to the government for implementation of the scheme.
6. NASA's Climate Research Scientist 'Cynthia Rosenzweig' honored with World Food Prize 2022

6. NASA's climate research scientist Cynthia Rosenzweig has been awarded the World Food Prize 2022.



He has spent much of his career explaining how 'global food production' should adapt to the changing climate. Cynthia Rosenzweig, agronomist and climatologist, has been awarded \$250,000 in recognition of her innovative model on the 'effects of climate change on food production'.

About the Cynthia Rosenzweig

- Rosenzweig is a research scientist at NASA GISS and the head of the Climate Impacts Group since 1994. His research focuses on improving models and assessments of how climate change will affect agriculture and food supplies in the future.
- She uses data from NASA satellites and models to study agricultural sectors around the world and how they are changing.

- Rosenzweig previously published the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II Fourth Assessment Report (IPCC) Working Group II Fourth Assessment Report in 2007 and the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land in 2019 (Has acted as coordinating lead author of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land.

About the World Food Prize:

- The World Food Prize is the best international honor given to recognize the distinguished achievements of individuals working for human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.
- Areas to be covered under the award: Plant, Animal and Soil Sciences; Food Science and Technology; All areas related to the world food supply, including nutrition, rural development, etc.
- Eligibility: This award can be given to any person of all races, religions, nationalities or political beliefs.
- Cash Prize: \$2,50,000.

7. RailTel and WHO Inaugurates Mobile Container Hospital in Visakhapatnam



RailTel Corporation of India Limited designed and installed "Health Cloud" at Visakhapatnam campus of Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone (AMTZ). Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone (AMTZ) is the world's first integrated medical device manufacturing centre. The "Health Cloud" built on the premises of the AMTZ has been inaugurated by Louis Egersnap, Head of the WHO Innovation Hub at WHO-Geneva.

About the Initiative:

- RailTel has also provided full technical support for teleconsultation solution for Mobile Container Hospital, which is designed and manufactured at AMTZ, which has all necessary hospital set-up for ready-to-operation in remote areas. It can also be driven on wheels. It comes with a health ATM for dispensing medicines through a mobile app with digital payment interface.

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- All the initiatives under this partnership will help empower hospitals in rural areas with hi-tech digital healthcare facilities, thereby making access to universal health care a reality.

- RailTel is also providing cloud and connectivity support to Electronic Medical Record Alliance (EMRA), a key consortium formed to provide Hospital Information System (EMRA) solutions to small entities for manufacturing EMR Which brings everyone into the fold of the digital health ecosystem. The consortium aspires to emerge as a health digital data fiduciary services and health information exchange that is fully compliant and seamlessly integrated into the ABDM ecosystem.

About RailTel (About the RailTel):

RailTel, a Miniratna Central Government PSU, is a leading telecom and ICT service provider and has emerged as one of the largest neutral telecom infrastructure service providers in the country.

8. Tokyo Olympian discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur temporarily suspended



Olympian discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur has been provisionally suspended by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for testing positive for a banned substance. Kamalpreet was tested on March 29, after which the banned substance Stanazolol was found in her sample, due to which she was suspended. Consumption of this substance violates World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules. Kaur had made it to the Tokyo Olympic final by finishing sixth with a throw of 63.7m.

A provisional suspension occurs when an athlete or other person is suspended in athletics before a final decision in a hearing held under the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules or the Integrity Code of Conduct. Temporarily suspended from participating in the Contest or Activity. Last year, Kamalpreet became the first Indian to cross the 65m mark in discus throw. He holds a national record in his name, in which he made a record with a throw of 66.59 meters in the Indian Grand Prix.

9. Dhanush Srikanth won the gold medal in the 24th Deaf Olympics



Shooter Dhanush Srikanth won gold and Shaurya Saini won bronze medal in the men's 10m air rifle event at the 24th Deaf Olympics (Daflympics) in Caxias do Sul, Brazil. Later, the Indian badminton team also won the gold medal beating Japan 3-1 in the final, making it a double celebration for the country. Ukraine tops the list with 19 gold, six silver and 13 bronze medals. India is at the eighth position in the medal tally with two gold and one bronze medals.

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- Federal Reserve Bank of New York established: **1913**;
- President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York: **John C. Williams**;
- Federal Reserve Bank of New York Headquarters: **New York, USA.**
- World Athletics Headquarters: **Monaco**;
- World Athletics founded: **July 17, 1912; Stockholm, Sweden.**
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari recently announced that the Government of India has set a target of Rs 15 lakh crore road construction in the next two years.
- The country which recently produced the first batch of COVID-19 vaccines for animals - **Russia**
- International Astronomy Day is celebrated on **2 May**
- The country which has become the first country to allow low-speed driverless cars- **Britain**
- International Labor Day is celebrated on **1 May**
- Canada has recently announced to provide **10 million US dollars** in aid to fight the corona infection - **India**
- In view of the increasing infection of the Kovid epidemic, the Uttarakhand government has banned the Yatra to be held this year - **Chardham Yatra**
- The former Attorney General of India who died at the age of **91** - **Soli Sorabji**

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- Recently the country which has indefinitely banned all the activities going on trade agreements with Australia - **China**
- The country which has approved Pfizer's vaccine for children up to 12-15 years - **Canada**
- The state government which has recently started Ayurvedic telemedicine facility for corona patients- **Haryana**
- The former personal secretary of Mahatma Gandhi who passed away recently - **V Kalyanam**

