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## 1. India's first Bharat Gaurav tourist train ready to depart, 90% booking done



The country's first Bharat Gaurav tourist train 'Shri Ramayana Yatra', run by Indian Railways, left Delhi's Safdarjung railway station this evening. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy flagged off the tourist train. Nepal's Ambassador to India Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma and Railway Board Chairman VK Tripathi were also present on the occasion. 533 passengers have made bookings to travel in the train. There are a total of 600 seats in the train, in this way around 90 percent of the bookings were done.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that it is a matter of pride for India. Today Bharat Gaurav train is leaving from Delhi. It is a route of 8000 kms, it is a journey of 18 days. The train is equipped with modern facilities. Tight security arrangements have been made. Through this visit to the art and culture of India, people will get a chance to understand India. People from different states of the country have come here.

## 2. India's women's wrestling team has won the Under-17 Asian Championship title in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.



India's women's wrestling team has won the Under-17 Asian Championship title in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. India topped with 235 points with eight gold, one silver and one bronze medals. Japan finished second with 143 points and Mongolia third with 138 points.

In women's wrestling matches were organized in 5 weight categories. Indian women including Ritika bagged gold in 43 kg, Ahilya Shinde gold in 49 kg, Shiksha in 57 kg, Priya in 73 kg while Pulkit won silver in 65 kg. Apart from this, competitions were also organized in three weight categories of freestyle and Parvinder Singh won gold in 80 kg while Narendra secured silver in 71 kg.

## 3. Union Minister for Art and Culture Contemporary Bishweshwar Tudu inaugurated the 20th Lok Fair in Puri



Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti Bishweshwar Tudu inaugurated the 20th Lok Mela (National Tribal/Folk Song and Dance Festival) and 13th Agriculture Fair 2022 at Saradabali, Puri, Odisha.

With an aim to preserve tribal culture and promote innovation in agriculture, the two fairs will continue for five days and will conclude on June 24. The 20th Lok Mela 2022 aims to emphasize the importance of tribal culture and establish its originality and uniqueness.

Efforts are being made through the fair to help the groups and individuals of tribal communities to show their talent in preserving their culture.

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Meanwhile the 13th Krishi Mela is a platform for all organizations and companies to come up with innovations, products, solutions and services related to agriculture.

## 4. Ruchira Kamboj to be the next Permanent Representative of India to UN, to replace TS Tirumurti



Ruchira Kamboj, a 1987 batch Indian Foreign Service officer has been appointed as the next Ambassador/Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in New York. This information has been given by the Ministry of External Affairs. Ruchira is currently India's ambassador to Bhutan, she will soon take charge of the United Nations. The extended tenure of TS Tirumurti, the current Ambassador of India to the United Nations, is coming to an end soon. He started his career as Third Secretary from Paris, France. During this time she learned French and soon became the second secretary in the Indian Embassy in France. After this, he oversaw the work of the Western Europe Division as an Under Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After this, Ruchira reached Mauritius as the First Secretary (Economy and Commercial). After this she has held several key positions in the Ministry of External Affairs.

## 5. Dragonfly spotted for the first time in Kerala



Dragonfly enthusiasts have recorded the sighting of a rare dragonfly that was hitherto unseen in Kerala. Afsar Nayakan and Vibhu Vipanchika sighted spiny horntail, *Burmagomphus choukulensis* joshi, Ogle and Sawant, 2022 (or.) *B. choukulensis*, during a recent expedition in the Kottiyur forests of Kannur. The species, which is believed to be endemic to the Western Ghats, was discovered in Maharashtra earlier this year.

The recorded discovery from Kottiyur was confirmed by Vinayan P., an odonate expert representing the TNHS Odonata Research Group (TORG) of the Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS). Nair did it.

Researchers Shantanu Joshi, Dattaprasad Sawant and Hemant Ogle had spotted this species from Chaukul in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra. Before their discovery, the dragonfly genus *Burmagomphus* was represented by three species – *B. kavericus*, *B. pyramidalis* and *B. rakhilawi*. While *B. Rakhilawi* is found throughout the Western Ghats, *B. kavericus* is more restricted in distribution. *B. pyramidalis* is found in the Western Ghats as well as peninsular India. All other species of the genus are found in the western and eastern Himalayas.

The new species can be distinguished from its progenitors by the markings on the lateral thorax and the peculiar shape of the anal appendages, Mr. Nair said.

According to a paper published by TORG last year, 181 Odonata species have been recorded in Kerala.



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The version of *B. choukulensis* would take the count to 182.

## 6. Launch of an innovative project - Nipuna to boost the skills of workers



The Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, launched the National Initiative for Skill Training of Construction Workers, an innovative project named 'Nipun', in New Delhi. (NIPUN) project is an initiative of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under its flagship scheme of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAI-NULM) to train over 1 lakh construction workers through new skilling and upskilling programmes. And this gives them work opportunities abroad as well.

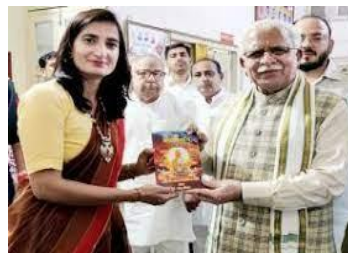
Skilled Project:

The NIPUN project will enable construction workers to find better job opportunities, increase their wages and even for overseas placements, indicating a new eco-system.

The transformative impact of the National Urban Livelihoods Mission has certainly reduced the vulnerability of urban poor households by providing skills and employment opportunities to urban residents, especially the youth.

The implementation of the NIPUN project is divided into three parts, training through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) at construction sites, Plumbing and Infrastructure training through Fresh Skilling by SSC, and International through Industries, Builders and Contractors. Placement.

## 7. Chief Minister released the book Ashtanga Yoga written by Dr. Sonu Phogat



Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar released the book Ashtang Yoga authored by Dr. Sonu Phogat on the eve of 8th International Day of Yoga. Manohar Lal Khattar said that every person should take the pledge of Yoga and loved ones should also be associated with this resolution. He said that the mantra from Yoga to Cooperation will show us the way to a new future. Appreciating the efforts of the author Dr. Sonu Phogat, it is a matter of pride that the book on Yoga was released on the eve of International Day of Yoga. He said that this would benefit the people.

## 8. Andhra Pradesh won the Under-19 T20 National Championship for the Deaf.



Andhra Pradesh Deaf won the T20 Championship title by defeating Gujarat Deaf by 5 wickets in the first season. After winning the toss, the bowlers of Andhra Pradesh, who came to bowl first, bowled Gujarat for just 97 runs.

The best batsman of the tournament, Mustakim Kazi, was dismissed for 26 off 22 balls at the hands of Andhra Pradesh's def spinner P Uday Kumar. Man of the match, P Vijaya Bhaskar bowled brilliantly for the Andhra Pradesh def, taking 3 for

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11 in his four overs. Also won the man of the series title.

The closing ceremony was held on 19 June 2022 in the presence of members of KFC, Sumit Jain (President, IDCA) and other representatives of the different cricketing community.

Indian Deaf Cricket Association President Sumit Jain said, "All the teams and its participants worked hard and made this season a success. We look forward to more such tournaments in future which will provide more opportunities to more such talent across the country.

The IDCA has organized several successful tournaments for the Deaf cricket talent in the past, notably the T20 National Cricket Championship, the One Day National Zone Cricket Championship, the T20 Deaf Premier League, the KFC Test for the Deaf and the Women's T- Contains 20 National Cricket Championships.

## 9. PM Modi inaugurates new campus of Ambedkar School of Economics



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday met Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) inaugurated the new campus of the university as well as unveiled a statue of the architect of the Indian Constitution. Prime Minister Modi also dedicated 150 'Technology Hubs' to the program, which have been developed by transforming Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in Karnataka. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that Karnataka has a special contribution in India's progress in the world of technology, research and

innovation. "In this context, new technology hubs developed by replacing ITIs will provide skilling opportunities to the youth and generate employment opportunities," he said. These 'technology hubs' have been developed at a cost of over Rs 4,700 crore and are supported by several industrial partners. Its objective is to create skilled workforce to meet the needs of the industries. The state government contributed Rs 657 crore out of the total cost while Tata Technologies Limited (TTL) and its industry partners contributed Rs 4,080 crore. The state has spent an additional Rs 220 crore to set up specialized workshops and technology laboratories in these 150 ITIs.

### ONE LINER

- United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on - **23 June**
- In a recent survey, the presence of antibodies against Nipah virus in some bat species has been found in a cave in the popular hill station Mahabaleshwar - **Maharashtra**
- Recently the World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that the outbreak of the virus that spread in Guinea in February 2021 has now ended - **Ebola virus.**
- The state government which will give subsidy of up to Rs 1.5 lakh or 10,000 per kilowatt (kWh) on the purchase of electric car- **Gujarat**
- The country whose army has successfully tested an airborne high-power laser that has the ability to shoot down drones - **Israel**
- Recently, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has approved the state's Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary to become a tiger reserve - **Rajasthan**

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- India and the country whose army is going to conduct the Passage Naval Exercise in the last week of June, 2021 - **America**
- Moody's Investors Service has reduced India's growth forecast for 2021 to 9.6 percent

## QUIZ

1. Which of the following country's army has successfully test-fired an airborne high-power laser that has the capability to shoot down drones?

- a. **Israel**
- b. Nepal
- c. China
- d. Russia

2. Recently, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has approved which state's Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary to become a tiger reserve?

- a. Bihar
- b. Punjab
- c. **Rajasthan**
- d. Jharkhand

3. India and which country's army is going to conduct the Passage Naval Exercise in the last week of June, 2021?

- a. China
- b. **America**
- c. Pakistan
- d. Japan

4. Moody's Investors Service has reduced India's growth forecast for 2021 to what percent?

- a. 8.6 percent
- b. 10.6 percent
- c. 7.6 percent
- d. **9.6 percent**

5. United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on which of the following day?

- a. 10 March
- b. May 12
- c. **23 June**
- d. 29 July

6. A recent survey has found the presence of antibodies against Nipah virus in some bat species in a cave in the popular hill station Mahabaleshwar of which state?

- a. Bihar
- b. **Maharashtra**
- c. Kerala
- d. Tamil Nadu

7. Recently the World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that the outbreak of which virus spread in Guinea in February 2021 is over now?

- a. **Ebola virus**
- b. nipah virus
- c. swine flu virus
- d. none of these

8. Which state government will give a subsidy of up to Rs 1.5 lakh or up to Rs 10,000 per kilowatt (kWh) on the purchase of an electric car?

- a. **Gujarat**
- b. A state in Eastern India
- c. Jharkhand
- d. Uttar Pradesh