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1. India nominates Garba dance for inclusion in UNESCO's cultural list



India has nominated Garba dance to be included in the cultural list of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - UNESCO.

UNESCO Director Eric Fault has said that India has now designated Garba for 2022 after Durga Puja was included last year in UNESCO's Invisible Cultural Heritage. He also said that the next UNESCO meeting will be held in November and hoped that Garba, another beautiful dance related to the Indian festival, will be included in UNESCO's Invisible Cultural Heritage List. India was elected in July to the 2003 Inter-Governmental Committee on Invisible Cultural Heritage Protection. India was elected by 110 votes in a committee of 155 countries.

2. India Secures 3rd Position With 3 Gold, 2 Silver In International Astronomy And Astrophysics Olympiad



#	Name of the contestant	Medal secured	Place from
1	Raghav Goyal	GOLD	Chandigarh
2	Me Sahil Akhtar	GOLD	Kolkata
3	Mehul Borad	GOLD	Hyderabad
4	Malay Kadia	SILVER	Ghaziabad
5	Akshay Nishu Mahajan	SILVER	Indore

India ranks 3rd at International Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad with 3 Golds, 2 silvers

India secured the third position in the medal tally at the 15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA). India was tied third with Singapore with students winning three gold and two silver medals. The 15th International Olympiad

on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) 2022 was held in Kutaisi, Georgia from August 14 to 21, 2022. The team was accompanied by two leaders: Prof. Sarita Vig (Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram), Prof. Ajit Mohan Srivastava (Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar), and two scientific supervisors: Dr. Sriharsha Tendulkar (Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai). and Mr. Tejas Shah (Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School and Junior College, Navi Mumbai) Dr. Tendulkar himself was a gold medalist in the International Astronomy Olympiad in 2002 and 2003 and later the overall topper.

209 students from 37 main and 6 guest teams were participating in this year's IOAA. In addition, 24 students from 6 countries participated in the online mode. This year's competition was originally scheduled to be held in Kyiv, Ukraine; It was moved to Kutaisi, Georgia in March 2022 due to the war in Ukraine.

In the medal tally, India finished joint third with Singapore after Iran's official team (5 gold) and guest team (4 gold, 1 silver). Overall 28 Gold, 38 Silver and 55 Bronze medals were awarded in this IOAA. Raghav Goel won a special award for the best solution to the most challenging theoretical question.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulates Indian players for winning 16 medals at the Under Twenty World Wrestling Championship in Bulgaria



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Indian players for winning 16 medals at the Under Twenty World Wrestling Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria. The Prime Minister said that our wrestlers

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have made us proud again. He said that this is India's best performance till date and it shows that the future of Indian wrestling is in safe hands.

The Indian team won a total of 16 medals including one gold, four silver and 11 bronze medals in different categories in the Under Twenty World Wrestling Championships.

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur has praised Indian wrestlers for winning 16 medals in the Under-20 World Championship. These include seven medals each in men's and women's freestyle and the remaining two medals in Greco-Roman. In a tweet, Mr. Thakur said that this is the best ever performance in this competition.

4. 11th National Seed Congress 2022 organized in Gwalior



The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has said that our agricultural scientists have made great progress through research, India is today at first or second place in terms of most food products. Shri Tomar said that the hard work of farmers, farmer friendly policies of the government and research of scientists have contributed in reaching here and we have stood with our chest in the whole world in terms of agricultural products.

“Now that the climatic conditions are changing, this challenge has to be acted upon. Now there should be self-sufficiency in pulses and oilseeds also. For this the government is working in mission mode, but along with policies and funding, the invention of seeds should be such that increase productivity and take the country towards self-reliance.

Agricultural scientists have a huge responsibility in this, who need to do more work,” he said.

Shri Tomar said this at the launch of 11th National Seed Congress-2022 organized by Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agriculture University, Gwalior today.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia virtual joined the program, while MP. Agriculture Minister Shri Kamal Patel was present on the stage. On this occasion the University Name of the newly constructed auditorium of Sh. In the name of Shri Dattopant Thengadi. Simultaneously the State Academy of Agricultural and Allied Sciences (SAAS) was launched.

The efforts of NAAS at the national level and SAAS at the regional level will further accelerate the activities of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry science and related research, education, promotion of extension.

In this event, the new experiments in the field of improved seed production in the country, keeping in view the future requirements, the policy will be prepared after discussions on the strategy of improved seed production, especially of oilseeds and pulses. Eminent seed production experts of the country have participated in this three-day conference.

5. India's first observatory to be built in Uttarakhand to monitor activities in space



India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory will be set up in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand to monitor objects up to 10 cm in size orbiting the Earth. It will be built by space sector start-up 'Digantara'. The Space

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Situational Awareness (SSA) observatory will help India monitor any activity in space, including space debris and military satellites hovering over the region.

Right now, with its observatories located at various locations and additional information provided by commercial companies from around the world, the US is most effective at tracking debris and other objects in space. Digantara Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Anirudh Sharma told PTI, "The observatory in Uttarakhand will help in bridging the critical gap in SSA activities in the region as these activities are currently lacking between Australia and South Africa."

High quality monitoring as well as position sensing network on the ground will help in monitoring the activities happening in space. "With these data, it will be able to reduce the risk of collisions between satellites and other spacecraft by more accurately predicting their location, speed and trajectory," Sharma said. He said the observatory would also give India indigenous capability to monitor space activity on the subcontinent. He said several Russian satellites were seen hovering over the region before the war in Ukraine.

Sharma said, "For example, if Chinese satellites are observed in a particular region of India for a long period of time, it would be advantageous for India to have indigenous capability without relying on countries like the US to monitor these activities. Is." He said that India is monitoring objects in space using 'Multi-Object Tracking Radar' and having an SSA observatory would be of great benefit to India in this area.

6. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla leads the Indian delegation to the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla leads the Indian delegation to the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Halifax, Canada. Mr. Birla reached the Netherlands yesterday on his way to Canada. In the Netherlands, Mr. Birla called on the President of the Senate, Professor John Anthony Bruijn. During the meeting, the two leaders discussed a number of issues, including enhancing parliamentary cooperation and expanding economic and cultural ties between India and the Netherlands.

The Speaker of the Lok Sabha also addressed the Surinamese Indian community. He said that India and the Netherlands have strong political, economic and cultural ties. Shri Birla mentioned the contribution of the Indian community in the Netherlands. He said that the Indian community in the Netherlands is strengthening the economy and society through its dedication, expertise and professionalism.

The Embassy of India hosted a dinner in honor of Mr. Birla at India House. Shri Birla urged the overseas Indians to take advantage of India's growth story. Earlier, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha visited the Seva Dham Hindu Center in The Hague and offered prayers. The 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference is being held in Halifax, Canada from August 20 to 26.

7. DRDO Successfully Tested Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile

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The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and the Indian Navy on Tuesday successfully test-fired a Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Chandipur Integrated Test Range (ITR) off the coast of Odisha. The missiles struck with precision and successfully destroyed the targets.

The flight test was conducted from an Indian Navy ship against a high speed unmanned aerial target. Equipped with indigenous radio frequency capture capability, the missiles managed to hit the target with high accuracy. The Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) system has been indigenously designed and developed by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

This is the second successful test conducted by DRDO in August. Earlier, on August 4, an indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) was launched by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and the Indian Army at the KK range from the Armored Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun. The test was successfully conducted with the support of the core center and school.

8. Former Jharkhand and Assam Governor Sibte Razi passes away



Former Governor of Jharkhand and Assam Syed Sibte Razi passed away in Lucknow. He was undergoing treatment for heart disease at King George's Medical College. Where he died on Saturday at the Trauma Center. In the past, former Governor of Jharkhand and Assam and Congress leader Syed Sibte Razi was admitted to the Medical College in Lucknow. Sibte Razi was considered the most reliable leader of the Congress party.

Syed Sibte Razi was born on 7 March 1939 in Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. He completed his early studies from Rae Bareilly. After passing 10th from Husenabad Higher Secondary School in Rae Bareilly, he took admission in Shia College. After which he took his steps in student politics.

In the year 1969, Syed joined the Uttar Pradesh Youth Congress and in the year 1971 he became the state president of the Youth Congress. After taking over as the State President of Youth Congress for two years, he was a member of Rajya Sabha from 1980 to 1985. During this time, he was also the General Secretary of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee from 1980 to 1984. He was made a member of the Rajya Sabha for the second time from 1988 to 1992 and for the third time from 1992 to 1998 by the Congress party.

9. 40 crores to be spent in Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics, 30 lakh Rajasthanis will participate



The Gehlot government of Rajasthan will organize the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games for the first time to discover and bring forward sports talent at the village level. For this, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot released the theme song by unveiling 'Sheru', the mascot of Rural Olympic Games, in a program organized in the capital Jaipur.

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In fact, about 30 lakh people of the state will participate in the Rural Olympic Games to be held in the state from August 29. 2 lakh teams have been formed. About 40 crore rupees will be spent in organizing the games from gram panchayat to state level. The aim of the government is to discover and bring forward rural sportspersons through these games, to hone their talent, to encourage them and to promote sportsmanship among the general public.

CM Gehlot said that the state government has increased the incentive amount given to the players who have won medals at national and international level including Olympics, Commonwealth, Asiad. The gold medalist is being given Rs. 3 crores from 75 lakhs, Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 2 crores to the silver medalists and Rs. 30 lakhs to Rs. 1 crore to the bronze medalists. Apart from this, the prize money of Rs 30 lakh, 20 lakh and 10 lakh for winning gold, silver and bronze medals in Asian and Commonwealth Games has been increased to Rs 1 crore, 60 lakh and 30 lakh respectively.

The state government has given government jobs to 229 players who have performed excellently under the out-of-turn policy. Apart from this, pension scheme has also been implemented for the trainers. A provision of 2 percent reservation has been made for sportspersons in government jobs and they are being given jobs up to DSP level. This has secured the future of players and coaches.

10. PM inaugurates Amrita Hospital in Faridabad



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Amrita Hospital in Faridabad, Haryana. This hospital built on 133 acres has 2600 beds. About 6 thousand crore rupees have been spent on making this hospital. World class treatment facility will be

available here. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for treatment, this hospital will be managed by Mata Amritanandamayi Math.

This hospital is the largest private hospital in Asia. On this occasion, Prime Minister Modi said that Mother Amritanandamayi has blessed us in the form of Amrita Hospital. Just a few days back, the country has entered the nectar of independence. The PM said that this hospital, a confluence of modernity and spirituality, will become a medium of service, accessible and effective treatment for the poor and middle class families.

PM said that Amma has also contributed significantly in Swachh Bharat and Namami Gange campaign. PM said that this is also a kind of PPP model like ancient times. I see it as a mutual effort, not a public-private partnership. The PM said that an effective PPP model is being prepared for education and health.

ONE LINER

Which state is planning to set up an education township in the state for the first time - **Uttar Pradesh**

Which state has recognized 'Dahi-Handi' as an official sport in the state - **Maharashtra**

Who created history by defeating five-time world chess champion Magnus Carlsen by winning three consecutive games in the FTX Crypto Cup in August 2022 - **Ramesh Babu Pragyanand**

In order to curb frauds in the banking system, banks have come up with a 20-point standard format for taking information about borrowers from whom before sanctioning large amount loans - **CEIB**

Who presided over the 23rd Central Zonal Council meeting in Bhopal in August 2022 - **Amit Shah**

External Affairs Minister S. In which country did Jaishankar unveil a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in August 2022 – **Paraguay**

Abdul Ghaffar Nadiadwala passed away in August 2022. He was a famous - **Film Producer**

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Puducherry Chief Minister N. Rangaswamy presented the tax-free budget for the financial year 2022-23 on 22 August 2022 - ₹ 10,696.61 crore

Which state government has announced to set up 300 rural industrial parks in the state to boost and strengthen the rural economy – Chhattisgarh

India has won total medals in Thailand Para-Badminton International 2022 - 17 medals

Which Geographical Indication (GI) tag has been given by the Central Government in August 2022 - Mithila Makhana

India has launched the first indigenously developed RT-PCR kit in August 2022 to test for which disease - Monkeypox

Who became the first Indian female wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-20 World Wrestling Championship 2022 in Sofia, Bulgaria - Last Panghal

Which European country has announced its exit from the 'Advanced Monitoring' framework of the European Union in August 2022 - Greece

Union Minister Jitendra Singh has launched "India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus" on 21st August 2022 in which city – Pune

Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the navies of India and which country concluded on 20 August 2022 – Australia

Which company has launched a Blockchain Center of Excellence (CoE) for airports in August 2022 - GMR Group

Who has been re-appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of financial services platform Paytm in August 2022 – Vijay Shekhar Sharma

QUIZ

1. When is the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition observed?

- (a) 23 August (b) 27 August
(c) 15 August (d) 17 August

2. Which minister has recently unveiled the first completely indigenously made hydrogen fuel cell bus?

- (a) Piyush Goyal (b) Jitender Singh
(c) Amit Shah (d) Arvind Kejriwal

3. What is the rank of India in the International Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad?

- (a) fourth (b) others
(c) third (d) fifth

4. Where is the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference being held from 20 to 26 August?

- (a) Canada (b) France
(c) America (d) Italy

5. Which state has been given the GI tag of Mithila Makhana?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Bihar (d) Gujarat

6. Which minister has recently unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay?

- (a) S Jaishankar (b) Nitin Gadkari
(c) Ram Vilas Paswan (d) Arjun Munda

7. Punjab and Haryana have agreed to name Chandigarh airport after whom?

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi (b) Bhagat Singh
(c) Abdul Kalam (d) Indira Gandhi

8. The Chief Minister of which state has launched the project 'Vidya Rath - School on Wheels'?

- (a) Nagaland (b) Bihar
(c) Assam (d) Manipur

9. When is the World Water Week 2022 organized?

- (a) 25 August to 8 September
(b) 23 August to 1 September
(c) 21st August to 1st September
(d) 26 August to 2 September

10. Syed Sibte Razi has passed away recently, he was the former governor of which state?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
(c) Telangana (d) Jharkhand