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1. Indian boxers win gold medals at Youth World Boxing Championships 2022



Asian youth champion Raveena captured gold in the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships 2022 held in Spain. In the final bout, Raveena put up a blistering performance to add another gold medal to India's tally of 11 medals.

Raveena (63kg) was up against Megan Decler of Netherlands in her final bout. Despite not getting off to the best of start, the Indian boxer made an impressive comeback against his Dutch rival and used technical ability and speed to defeat him.

It was a tough fight in favor of the 2022 Asian youth gold medallist. Raveena won the split decision 4–3 after a review of the bout. In the other final, Keerthi (81+kg) went down fighting against 2022 European Youth Champion Cleona Elizabeth D'Arcy of Ireland. He took silver, losing 0-5.

2. Third large survey vessel 'Ikshak' launched



The strength of the Indian Navy has increased further. In fact, Survey Vessels 'Ikshak' was launched in the presence of Vice Admiral MA

Hampiholi, Flying Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command at Kattupalli, Chennai. The launching of 'Ikshak', the third ship of the project of four large survey vessels being built for the Indian Navy, will prove to be a milestone.

Survey Vessels 'Ikshak' after induction into the Navy will go a long way in monitoring maritime security. Also, this ship, which will increase the strength of the Navy, will further strengthen the defense preparedness. The indigenously designed and built ship is built in line with the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign.

The vessel named 'Ikshak' is the third in a series of four vessels being built under the Survey Vessel Large (SVL) project. It has been jointly built by Indian shipbuilder Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers and L&T. Significantly, the first major survey vessel of this series was Sandhyak. Which was launched in the month of December last year.

3. Tamil Nadu gets its first Biodiversity Heritage Site



The state government on Tuesday notified an area of 193.215 hectares spread over Arattapatti and Meenakshipuram villages in Madurai district as 'Arattapatti Biodiversity Heritage Site' under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. It is the first Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) notified in Tamil Nadu.

Biodiversity Heritage Sites are well-defined areas that are unique, ecologically fragile ecosystems with a high diversity of wild and domesticated species, the presence of rare and threatened species, and keystone species.

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Aritapatti village consists of a chain of seven barren granite hills. The distinctive landscape of rocky hills serves as a watershed and supports 72 lakes, 200 natural springs and three check dams.

One of the water bodies, Enaikondan Lake, was built during the reign of the Pandyas in the 16th century. The hills in Aritapatti village have rich biological and historical significance with the presence of about 250 bird species, including three major raptor species—the lugger falcon, the Shaheen falcon, and the Bonelli's eagle—and wildlife such as the Indian pangolin, python, and slender loris. The site also has various megalithic structures, Tamil Brahmi inscriptions, Jain beds and 2,200-year-old rock-cut temples, giving it historical significance.

"The decision to declare Aritappatti as a Biodiversity Heritage Site was taken after consultation with local communities, Department of Archeology, Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited and other stakeholders. This notification will strengthen efforts for biodiversity conservation with the participation of local communities. This area It will also help in preserving the rich biological and historical storehouse of wildlife," said Supriya Sahu, additional chief secretary to the government in the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Shekhar Kumar Neeraj, member secretary of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board, told TNIE, "The future of conservation lies in saving micro-habitats like Arittapatti which are not protected areas. I visited the site a month ago and saw nests of pied owls, which was a near-threatened species. A total of 36 biodiversity rich sites have been identified in Tamil Nadu and I am personally visiting each of them to prepare a priority list. We sent three proposals to the state government and Arittapatti was declared first. The other two are Vaigaikulam in Tirunelveli and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in Coimbatore.

4. India, UAE central banks discuss trade in rupee, dirham



The central banks of India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are discussing ways to promote bilateral trade in rupees and dirhams to reduce transaction costs, India's Ambassador to the UAE Sanjay Sudhir said on Friday. The concept paper for trading in currencies was proposed by India. He told reporters here that the central banks of the two countries would discuss standard operating procedures and modalities. Its purpose is to reduce transaction costs.

India and the UAE had already signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in February to boost bilateral trade and economic ties. The FTA aims to provide significant benefits to businesses in India as well as in the UAE. This includes objectives such as increasing market access and reducing customs duties. After the FTA, bilateral trade between the two countries is expected to increase to \$100 billion from the current \$60 billion.

5. Canara Bank in partnership with NESL issues electronic bank guarantees



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Canara Bank has forayed into digital banking with the issuance of Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National e-Governance Service Limited (NESL) on its 117th Foundation Day. Canara Bank will now offer an API-based digital workflow of bank guarantees that will eliminate physical insurance, stamping, verification and paper-based record maintenance.

The platform will provide several benefits such as greater transparency, better monitoring system and secure transmission of bank guarantees to the beneficiaries. Canara Bank General Manager Mahesh M Pai said that it is a proud moment to achieve the milestone of being the first public sector bank to introduce electronic bank guarantees. Canara Bank launched Canara All, a mobile banking super app with over 250 features. The future vision of "One Bank, One App" was aimed at creating a Bank Mobile App. It was ranked 1st under Digital Payments Performance by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on 31st March 2022.

6. India forms panel to reform only government job guarantee scheme



India's Union Ministry of Rural Development has set up a panel to revise its only job guarantee scheme in the hope of getting more jobs in the country's poorer regions, a senior government official said. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, or MGNREGA, was in high demand in India's rural areas as they emerged from the pandemic amid rising inflation and limited non-agricultural employment opportunities.

However, residents of relatively affluent states may have done better in securing work under the flagship anti-poverty job programme, leading to calls for changes to the scheme. "The panel will recommend institutional mechanisms, including governance and administrative structures, for more effective use of funds, particularly to address poverty," the official said. The official said the panel, which is expected to submit its report by January, will examine the spending trends in various states and identify the reasons for variation.

7. Railways plans to export Vande Bharat trains by 2025-26



India will get its first tilting train by 2025-26. 100 Vande Bharat trains are being manufactured using this technology. A railway official gave this information on Friday. He said that out of 400 Vande Bharat trains to be built by 2025, 100 will have this technology.

According to the official, "We will have tilting trains in the country. We will tie up with a technology partner for this. We will have this technology in 100 Vande Bharat trains in the next two to three years." Tilting trains have a mechanism enabling higher speeds on regular broad-gauge track. They lean by adjusting themselves to turns or curves on the track. Such trains are currently running in 11 countries - Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Finland, Russia, Czech Republic, UK, Switzerland, China, Germany and Romania.

How do such trains work? Explaining this, an official said that as soon as the train takes a turn with speed, there is a danger of slipping.

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This can cause things to slip inside the train. Due to this, the passengers sitting in the train feel crushed by the armrest and lose their balance.

Railways is poised to become a major exporter of Vande Bharat trains to the markets of Europe, South America and East Asia by 2025-26. The latest version of the indigenous trains with sleeper coaches will be operational by the first quarter of 2024, an official said on Friday. He also said that the Railways is planning to cover a distance of 10-12 lakh kilometers on 75 Vande Bharat trains in the next few years to make them ready for export. The ecosystem for export of trains has to be created in the next two to three years, he added. We are on track to manufacture 475 Vande Bharat trains in the next three years.

8. Deepa Malik appointed as national ambassador of 'Ni-Kshaya' initiative



India's first woman Paralympic medalist Deepa Malik has pledged her support to the Tuberculosis (TB) eradication campaign by becoming the national ambassador of the 'Ni-Kshaya Mitra' initiative. The Health Ministry informed that 'Ni-Kshaya', launched by President Draupadi Murmu, seeks to provide support to TB patients at three levels of nutrition, additional diagnosis and professional support.

Malik is honored with Padma Shri, Khel Ratna and Arjuna Award. Malik expressed his commitment to the Tuberculosis (TB) Free India campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March 2018 when he spoke

about TB awareness at the pavilion of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the ongoing 41st India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan. participated in the activities.

The President of the Paralympic Committee of India has himself adopted five tuberculosis patients as 'Ni-Kshaya' friends. He said that if everyone participates in their capacity by removing the stigma, spreading awareness and providing support, India will conquer TB very soon.

ONE LINER

Which bank has recently received the award for Atal Pension Yojana nomination: **KVG Bank**

Which country is on top in fertilizer import from Russia: **India**

Who is the first turbaned Sikh who has been appointed as the deputy mayor of Brampton city of Canada : **Harkirat Singh**

Babu Mani has passed away recently, who was he: **Former Indian football captain**

How many gold medals has India won in the 15th Airgun Championship: **25**

Where is Air Force's Air Fest 2022 organized: **Nagpur**

Who has inaugurated the SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2022 in New Delhi: **Giriraj Singh**

Ariz Perojsha Khambata has passed away recently, who was he : **Founder of Rasna**

Who has become the first Indian woman to win a medal in the Asian Cup (**Manika Batra**)

Who has launched the UNESCO Indian-African Hackathon: **Yogi Adityanath**

QUIZ

1. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education?

a) **T.G. Sitaram**

b) **Jagdish Kumar**

c) **Sunil Kumar Sharma**

d) **Sanjay Verma**

Explanation: Director of IIT Guwahati **T.G. Sitaram** has been appointed as the

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chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education. T.G. Sitaram will take over from Jagdish Kumar (who was holding the interim charge of Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education). Prior to joining as Director of IIT Guwahati, he was Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

2. Which of the following Indian city became the first city in South Asia to top CDP's climate action list?

- a) Jaipur
- b) New Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Hyderabad

Explanation: Mumbai has become the first Indian city to feature in the A-list in the 5th annual cities report published by CDP. The organization says that Mumbai was able to achieve this position despite the challenging global economic situation. A total of 122 cities around the world have been named by CDP as leaders in environmental action and transparency in 2022.

3. Who is the author of the book "Now You Breathe: Overcoming Toxic Relationships and Abuse" recently?

- a) Rakhi Kapoor
- b) Rakhi Sawant
- c) Ekta Kapoor
- d) Twinkle Khanna

Explanation: Best-selling author Rakhi Kapoor released her latest book "Now You Breathe: Overcoming Toxic Relationships and Abuse". The book provides a roadmap for identifying red flags, dealing with toxic relationships, leaving or healing them. Rakhi Kapoor also wrote 'Infertility, Impatience, and Intuition: A Physical and Mental Guide for Aspiring Parents'. Rakhi Kapoor is a renowned physiotherapist and author.

4. On which day the birthday of Ahom General Lachit Borphukan is celebrated as Lachit Divas?

- a) 23 November
- b) 24 November
- c) 25 November
- d) 26 November

Explanation: Lachit Diwas is celebrated every year on 24th November to mark the birthday of Ahom general Lachit Borphukan. The day is celebrated to honor the victory of the Assamese army in the Battle of Saraighat. In 2022, India will be celebrating the 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan. Borphukan was a general of the Ahom kingdom and in the Battle of Saraighat in 1671, he defeated an attempt by the Mughal army to capture Assam.

5. Which day is observed as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women?

- a) 23 November
- b) 24 November
- c) 25 November
- d) 26 November

Explanation: The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed every year on 25 November. The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993. Violence against women is defined as any act of gender-based violence defined as that which causes physical, sexual or psychological harm to women. Theme for the year 2022: "Unite Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls".

6. Which country became India's largest fertilizer supplier in the first half of FY 2022-23?

- a) Germany
- b) Japan
- c) Italy
- d) Russia

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Explanation: Russia became India's largest fertilizer supplier for the first time in the first half of the financial year 2022-23. India's fertilizer imports from Russia increased by 371% to a record 2.15 million tonnes in the first six months of the year beginning April 1. In the entire last financial year, India imported 1.26 million tonnes from Russia. Russia accounts for about 14% of the world's urea exports.

7. Recently which bank has announced to open face authentication-based savings bank account for customers?

- a) Airtel Payments Bank
- b) Paytm Payments Bank
- c) India Post Payments Bank
- d) Fino Payments Bank

Explanation: Airtel Payments Bank has announced face authentication based savings bank account opening for the customers. This facility will make the account opening process simple and convenient for the customers. Airtel Payments Bank is the first payments bank in the country to offer this facility.

8. Who was recently sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Malaysia on 24 November 2022?

- a) Mahathir Mohamad
- b) Anwar Ibrahim
- c) Sultan Abdullah
- d) Sultan Ahmed Shah

Explanation: Malaysia's veteran opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim has been sworn in as the country's new prime minister on 24 November 2022. The new leader was appointed by King Sultan Abdullah. Anwar Ibrahim, former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad's deputy in the 1990s, He was a minister.

9. In which city the three-day groundnut festival 'Kadalekai Parish' was organized recently?

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Mangalore

c) Chennai

d) Bangalore

Explanation: Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated the groundnut fair, 'Kadalekai Parishe', at Basavanagudi in Bengaluru. During the fair, groundnut farmers from across the state brought sacks of groundnuts to sell at the fair. 500-year-old history of the groundnut festival and is held near the Dodda Ganesh Temple and the Bull Temple in Basavanagudi.

10. The Tamil Nadu government recently declared Arittapatti village of which district as a biodiversity heritage site?

- a) Ariyalur
- b) Madurai
- c) Kallakurichi
- d) Cuddalore

Explanation: The Tamil Nadu government on 22 November 2022 declared Arittapatti village in Madurai district as a Biodiversity Heritage Site. It is the first Biodiversity Heritage Site to be notified in the state. The village has a rich biological and historical heritage with the presence of around 250 bird species. There is importance. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu :- M.K. Stalin.