

NATIONAL

President Confers Gallantry Awards during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-2)

President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, conferred one Kirti Chakra (Posthumous) and 14 Shaurya Chakras, including eight posthumous, to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/Union Territory Police during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-2) at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 31st May. The Gallantry awards were given to the personnel for displaying conspicuous gallantry, indomitable courage and extreme devotion to duty. The President also conferred 13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals and 29 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals for distinguished service of exceptional order. The list of awardees can be viewed at www.gallantryawards.gov.in.

PM Modi-led Government Completes 8 Years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA Government completed eight years on 31st May 2022 on the occasion of which a massive public outreach campaign was organized across the country. BJP's national general secretary Arun Singh said, the public outreach was being held on the theme of 'Service, Good Governance and Welfare of the Poor' as these have been the priority of the Prime Minister Modi-led Government. As part of the commemoration, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' in Shimla on 31st May during which he released the 11th installment of financial benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) by transferring an amount of around Rs. 21,000 crore to more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families of the country.

Country Achieves 50% Milestone of Har Ghar Jal Mission

The country has achieved the milestone of 50 per cent of rural households having access to tap water connections, according to the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Goa, Telangana, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Puducherry and Haryana have already achieved 100 per cent household connections. Punjab, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Bihar have coverage of more than 90 per cent and are progressing fast towards attaining the status of "Har Ghar Jal." According to the Ministry, at the time of the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019, only 3.23 crore households (17 per cent of the rural population) had access to drinking water through taps.



North India Gets its First Biotech Park in Kathua

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated North India's first Biotech Park at Ghatti, Kathua district, J&K on 28th May. The Biotech Park would act as hub for incubation of new ideas and will act as a robust platform to support the agri-entrepreneurs, startups, progressive farmers, scientists, scholars and students not only from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh but also from nearby states of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

8th International Yoga Day theme - 'Yoga for Humanity'

The 8th edition of International Day of Yoga will be celebrated with theme "Yoga for Humanity". Ministry of Ayush said it has chosen this theme after much deliberation and consultation and that the theme appropriately portrays, how during the peak of COVID-19 pandemic, Yoga served the humanity in alleviating the sufferings and in the emerging post-COVID geo-political scenario too, it will bring people together through compassion, kindness, foster a sense of unity and build resilience among people world over.

Har Ghar Dastak 2.0 COVID Vaccination Campaign Gets Underway

With the objective to accelerate the pace of COVID vaccination and achieve optimal coverage among all eligible beneficiaries, the government launched a two-month long Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0 on 1st June. The campaign will continue till the 31st of July this year, across all States and Union Territories. During this period, vaccination of all beneficiaries due for the second dose and eligible for precaution dose would be emphasized through door-to-door campaigning. Vaccination coverage of children aged 12 to 18 years will also be undertaken through a school-based campaign.

Department of Legal Affairs Introduces Law Internship

The Department of Legal Affairs has introduced opportunity for internship for law students, under its offices in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata and Chennai. The Internship programme aims to acquaint young law students with working of the Department of Legal Affairs including research and reference work, tendering legal advice in

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various specialized fields of law such as constitutional and administrative law, finance law, infrastructure law, economic law, labour law, conveyancing, arbitration and contract law. In a statement, the Ministry of Law and Justice said, the selected interns will be given a token remuneration. Details available at www.legalaffairs.gov.in/intership.

NCTE Launches Portal to Streamline Teacher Education Programs

National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) under Ministry of Education has launched an online portal to streamline the entire process of recognition of teacher education programs of Higher Education Institutions and Technical Education Institutions - right from the time of inviting application for courses till the stage of issue of recognition orders including the inspection of institutions. The applications for the recently launched 4 Year ITEP (Indian Teacher Education Program) applications will be processed on this portal. This portal aims to provide an automated robust framework thereby enhancing accountability, transparency and ease of doing business.

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China Says It's Ready to Take Measures to Advance Bilateral Trade with India

China has said it is ready to take measures to advance normal trade with India amid reports that US has overtaken China to become India's biggest trade partner. Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian at a media briefing in Beijing insisted that China remains India's largest trading partner in the calendar year 2021 with bilateral trade volume of over USD 125 billion according to Chinese statistical measures. Zhao said the disparity in trade figures published by China and India is a result of different statistical measurement scales. China follows the financial year from January to December, while India calculates the same from April to March every year. According to the data of India's Ministry of Commerce, in FY 2021-22, the bilateral trade between the US and India stood at USD 119.42 billion as compared with the bilateral trade with China that aggregated at USD 115.42 billion. India's trade deficit with China rose to USD 72.91 billion in 2021-22 from USD 44 billion in the previous fiscal year as per Indian figures whereas the US is one of the few countries with which India had a trade surplus amounting to USD 32.8 billion last year.

ECONOMY

Portal Launched to Facilitate B2B Digital Trade between Indian Exporters and Foreign Buyers

The Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) has launched the Indian Business Portal - an international trade hub for Indian exporters and foreign buyers. The portal was inaugurated by Union Minister for Industry and Commerce Smt. Anupriya Patel on 27th May. The Union Minister observed that



during the pandemic online platforms such as e-commerce have shown immense potential in supporting millions of businesses to sustain themselves and that this initiative has come at very appropriate time as currently Indian exports are witnessing robust growth. The portal is a B2B (Business to Business) digital marketplace to empower SME exporters to identify new markets for their products and grow their sales with new buyers. The objective of the portal is to enable online presence of every exporter, make exportable products and services discoverable online by buyers across the globe, and to maximise the leverage of exporter's existing infrastructure, production capacities and supply chains.

SPORTS

In a First, All 36 State and UTs Participating in Khelo India Youth Games

The fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games is being held from 4th June to 13th June 2022. Five new games namely Gatka, Thang-Ta, Kalaripayattu, Yogasana and Malkhamb have been introduced in this edition of the Games. Nearly 4,700 athletes, including 2,262 girls are participating in different disciplines vying for over 1850 medals. For the first time, all the 36 states and Union Territories are taking part in this edition of the Khelo India Youth Games, with hosts Haryana fielding the largest contingent of 398 athletes. Defending champions Maharashtra are fielding the second-largest contingent with 357 athletes while Delhi is fielding 339. Andaman & Nicobar has the smallest squad of six.



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