

## NATIONAL

### NIRF Ranking: IIT Madras, IISc Bengaluru, IIM Ahmedabad, AIIMS Delhi Rank Best

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has emerged as the best educational institution while Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru is best university according to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)-2022. The ranking was released on 15th

Colleges	Rank
Miranda House, New Delhi	1
Hindu College, New Delhi	2
Presidency College, Chennai	3
Loyola College, Chennai	4
Lady Shri Ram College For Women, New Delhi	5
PSGR Krishnammalai College for Women, Coimbatore	6
Atma Ram Sanatan Dham College, New Delhi	7
St. Xavier's College, Kolkata	8
Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalayam, Howrah	9
Kironi Mal College, New Delhi	10

July 2022 by Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan through a webcast from the NIRF website for 11 categories of educational institutions. According to the rankings, IIM, Ahmedabad is the best management institute in the country followed by IIM, Bangalore, and IIM, Calcutta. AIIMS, New Delhi is the best medical college, and Savitri Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences in Chennai is the best dental college. IIT, Madras is the best engineering college followed by IIT, Delhi, and IIT, Bombay. Miranda House, Delhi is the best college, followed by Hindu College, Delhi, and Presidency College, Chennai. Jamia Hamdard in the best Pharmacy institute in the country.

### Shri Parameswaran Iyer Takes Charge as NITI Aayog CEO

Shri Parameswaran Iyer took charge as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog on 11th July 2022. A 1981-batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, Mr. Iyer has worked with both the public and private sectors. He was Secretary in the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in New Delhi from 2016 to 2020. Mr. Iyer spearheaded the implementation of the country's flagship Swachh Bharat Mission, which successfully delivered access to safe sanitation to 550 million people.



### 17th NIFT Campus Inaugurated in Panchkula, Haryana

Union Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) at Panchkula in Haryana on 12th July. This is the 17th NIFT campus of the country. An amount of 133.16 crore rupees has been spent on the construction of this Institute built on 10.45 acres of land. The NIFT campus has been established in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Textiles and NIFT, Delhi.

### No Word Banned; Unparliamentary Words Will Be Expunged: LS Speaker

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has stressed that no word has been banned by the Lok Sabha Secretariat and only those words will be expunged which are unparliamentary in nature. The response came amid the controversy wherein some members of the Parliament and political parties have raised objections over several words which have been listed as unparliamentary by the Lok Sabha Secretariat in its new booklet. He said, issuing the list of unparliamentary words is a routine process of the Lok Sabha and this practice is in existence since 1954.

### Indian Scientists Develop Novel Mechanism to Inactivate SARS-CoV-2

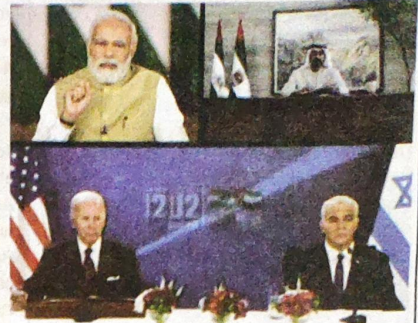
Indian scientists have developed a new class of synthetic peptides that can not only block the entry of the SARS-CoV-2 virus into cells but also clump the virus particles together, reducing their ability to infect the living cell. This novel mechanism provides an alternative to make viruses like SARS-CoV-2 inactive, promising a new class of peptides as antivirals. Scientists at the Indian Institute of Science in collaboration with researchers from the CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology have exploited this approach to design these peptides.

## INTERNATIONAL

### First I2U2 Summit Held Virtually; \$US 2 Billion Integrated Food Parks to be Built Across India

Leaders of India, Israel, UAE, and the US virtually met for the first I2U2 Summit on 14th July 2022. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi joined his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid, UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan and US President Joe Biden for the virtual summit which focussed on the food security crisis and clean energy. In a Joint Statement, I2U2 leaders said, innovative ways were discussed to ensure longer-term, more diversified food production and food delivery systems that can better manage global food shocks. During the Summit, the UAE announced to invest US\$2 Billion to develop a series of

Integrated Food Parks across India. These parks will incorporate state-of-the-art climate-smart technologies to reduce food waste and spoilage, conserve fresh water and employ renewable energy sources. India will provide appropriate land for the project and will facilitate farmers' integration into the food parks. US and Israeli private sectors will be invited to lend their expertise and offer innovative solutions that contribute to the overall sustainability of the project. These investments will help maximize crop yields and help tackle food insecurity in South Asia and the Middle East.



## ECONOMY

### POP under e-NAM Launched to Facilitate Agriculture Value Chain Services

The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched the Platform of Platforms (POP) under the e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM). The platform was launched by Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar on the sidelines of the State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference in Bengaluru. With the introduction of POP, farmers will be facilitated to sell the produce outside their state borders. This will increase farmers' digital access to multiple markets, buyers and service providers and bring transparency in business transactions with the aim of improving price search mechanism and quality commensurate price realisation. 41 service providers from different platforms are covered under POP facilitating various value chain services like trading, quality checks, warehousing, fintech, market information, transportation etc. The PoP will create a digital ecosystem, which will benefit from the expertise of different platforms in different segments of the agricultural value chain.



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## SPORTS

### India top ISSF Shooting World Cup Medal Tally

In the ISSF Shooting World Cup, India topped the medal tally at Changwon in South Korea. India finished the tournament with eight medals including three golds, four silvers and one bronze and was way ahead of hosts Korea and Serbia in the medal tally. Arjun Babuta won the gold medal in the men's air rifle category, while the duo of Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane bagged gold in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team category. The trioka of Arjun Babuta, Shahu Tushar Mane and Paarth Makhija helped the country bag its third gold medal beating Korea 17-15 in the 10-metre air rifle team event.



### Govt Launches Revised Schemes for Speedy Delivery of Benefits to Sportspersons

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has revised several schemes relating to the welfare of sportspersons in the country. Launching the revised schemes on 8th July 2022, Sports Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur informed that his ministry has brought out several important amendments to Scheme of Cash Award to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) and Pension to Meritorious Sportsperson Scheme of Department of Sports with a vision to make these schemes more user-friendly, easy to access and transparent. The Ministry has also launched web portals for Schemes of Department of Sports (dbyas-sports.gov.in) and National Sports Development Fund website (nsdf.yas.gov.in). These revised schemes will provide more transparency and accountability to give benefit to sports persons in record time, the Minister explained.

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