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Round and Round the Rotunda... ? What Rotunda?
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Weekly Current Affairs: 15th to 21st December 2020

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Tea Day is celebrated on December 15

One of the world's favourite beverages, tea is consumed largely all over the world. Trade Unions in 2005 had organised the International Tea Day campaign for the small tea growers and the civil organisations to put light on the issues that small growers were facing. Since 2005, 15th December every year is observed as International Tea Day.

Vijay Diwas is observed on December 16

On 16th December 1972, the Pakistani forces surrendered to the allied forces consisting of the Indian Army and Mukti Bahini, liberating Bangladesh from Pakistan. Hence this special day is a remembrance day for the brave soldiers and for all those people who had fought and lost their lives in successfully achieving this noble cause.

Minorities Rights Day in India is observed on December 18

18th December in India is known as Minorities Rights Day. The day focuses on promoting and preserving the rights of minorities in terms of linguistic, religious, and caste freedom and also ensures the safety of minorities. Several events and campaigns are conducted to educate people about this special day. The day is exceptionally one of the important days in December 2020.

International Migrants Day is observed on December 18

International Migrants Day is celebrated on 18 December to raise awareness about the protection for migrants and refugees.

Goa's Liberation Day is observed on December 19

On 19 December 1961, the Indian Army invaded Goa with Operation Vijay. After 36 hours of the operation, Portuguese Governor General Vassalo da Silva surrendered and hence Goa was organised as a centrally administered union territory of India which later became a state.



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International Human Solidarity Day (Third Sunday of December)

International Human Solidarity Day is observed on 20 December. The day is especially reminded to celebrate unity in diversity, to remind governments to respect their commitments to international agreements, and to encourage debate on ways to promote solidarity for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals to encourage new initiatives for poverty eradication.

STATE NEWS

Odisha CM announces ₹289.42 crore package for MSMEs

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved a stimulus package of ₹289.42 crore for MSMEs that have been facing stiff challenges amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The initiative will help entrepreneurs, mostly women and those from the weaker sections, to overcome unexpected challenges that came along with the pandemic.

Ladakh celebrates New Year 'Losar'

People in Ladakh region are celebrating Ladakhi New Year, Losar on 15th December. Symbolic Losar celebrations and special prayers are held at Chokanga Vihara in Leh.

Karnataka govt. and British Council sign MoU to further bilateral cooperation in higher education

The Government of Karnataka and British Council today signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Bengaluru to further bilateral cooperation in higher education. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said that the three years MoU involves leadership development in higher education institutions.

UP govt to launch 'Kisan Kalyan Mission' to double the income of farmers

Uttar Pradesh government will launch a special program to double the income of farmers. The program named as Kisan Kalyan Mission will cover all assembly constituencies of the state. Under the Kisan Kalyan mission various programs will be organised across the state. Exhibitions of agriculture and Associate sectors will be organised which will include the products of MSME sector units and livelihood missions.



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Nagaland government totally banned use of flex banners, boards and posters

Nagaland Government has totally banned the use of flex banners, boards and posters by departments, institutions and agencies during functions or programmes in government offices with immediate effect. The notification further stated that use of eco-friendly materials such as cloth banners, lightweight textile fabrics, wrinkle resistant wrap knit and particle boards may be encouraged to combat plastic pollution in the State.

Rajnath Singh inaugurates the advanced Hypersonic Wind Tunnel test facility in Hyderabad

Defence minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the advanced Hypersonic Wind Tunnel test facility in Hyderabad. The state-of-the-art facility is a pressure vacuum driven enclosed free jet facility with nozzle exit of one-meter diameter. With this India has become the third country to have such a huge facility in size and capability after America and Russia.

Arjun Munda inaugurates Tribes India showrooms in Kolkata and Gwalior

Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated Two Tribes India showrooms (Kolkata in person and Gwalior virtually) in a grand opening ceremony in Kolkata.

Madhya Pradesh CM to distribute interest-free loans of Rs 10,000 each to street vendors

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will distribute an interest-free loan of 10 thousand rupees each under the Chief Minister Rural street Vendor Scheme to about 20 thousand street vendors. Chief Minister Rural street Vendor Scheme has been implemented on the line of Pradhan Mantri urban street vendor scheme- PM Swanidhi in the rural areas of the state. Under the Chief Minister rural street vendor scheme, small vendors including fruits-vegetables sellers, carpenters, potters, weavers, washer men are given an interest free loan of Rs 10 thousand each for their work.

UP Govt launches 'Varasat' campaign to curb property & land-related disputes in rural areas

The Uttar Pradesh state government has launched a special campaign to curb property & land-related disputes in rural areas. This is a first of its kind campaign to end the nagging land-related issues in the rural areas. It is aimed at eradicating the exploitation of the villagers in the name of 'Varasat' of land and property.

Tourism Ministry organises Domestic Tourism roadshow in Goa

The Ministry of Tourism organised the domestic tourism roadshow in Goa through its India Tourism office in Goa . This event was organised in collaboration with Goa Tourism and Travel and Tourism Association of Goa (TTAG).



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Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates eighth oil & gas production plant of the country in West Bengal

The eighth oil and gas production plant of the country was inaugurated in Ashoknagar in North 24-Parganas, in West Bengal by Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. While inaugurating the plant the Minister said the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation ONGC found mineral oil and natural gas in Ashoknagar in 2016, and although there were some problems in land acquisition at first, it was later resolved.

NATIONAL NEWS

Indian Coast Guard Interceptor Boat commissioned at Hazira

Indian Coast Guard Interceptor Boat got commissioned at Hazira in Gujarat. This Interceptor boat is built indigenously by M/s L&T Jetty, Hazira and is capable of a high speed of 45 knots having capability to operate in shallow waters. This Interceptor Boat will operate from Gujarat under administrative and operational control of the Commander Coast Guard Region (NW).

Nation pays homage to Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel on his death anniversary

Nation pays homage to Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel on his 70th death anniversary on 15th December. He was first Deputy Prime Minister of India and also held the Home portfolio. Fondly known as Iron Man of India, he brought together more than 500 princely States with India.

Norway Research Institute signs an MoU with Clean Ganga Mission for development of sludge management framework

Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research has signed an MoU with cGanga, a think-tank of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) for development of sludge management framework in India. On this occasion, Norwegian Diplomat in India Karina Asbjørnsen, said, Norway intends to deepen the relationship with India especially in prevention of climate change and conservation of environment.

Gol & NDB ink loan agreement for 1,000 million dollar to provide support to Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

The Government of India and New Development Bank today signed a loan agreement for one thousand million dollar to provide support to Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan through MGNREG Scheme. The Finance Ministry said the programme will support the Government in mitigating the adverse economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic and enable economic recovery in the rural areas through natural resource management, NRM works.



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Cabinet accords approval for National Security Directive on Telecommunication Sector

Considering the need to ensure India's national security, the Cabinet accorded approval for the National Security Directive on Telecommunication Sector. Communications and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said, under the provisions of the Directive, in order to maintain the integrity of the supply chain security, the Government will declare a list of Trusted Sources / Trusted Products for the benefit of the Telecom Service providers. Telecom Service Providers are required to connect new devices which are designated Trusted Products.

Cabinet approves assistance of Rs 3,500 crore for sugarcane farmers

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved assistance of three thousand 500 crore rupees for sugarcane farmers. Briefing the media in New Delhi after the Cabinet meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said, Cabinet has taken the decision to help farmers directly by depositing money of subsidy into their accounts. It will benefit five crore farmers and five lakh workers.

Gol, World Bank sign 400 million dollar project to protect India's poor from COVID-19

The Government of India and the World Bank have signed a 400 million dollar project to protect India's poor and vulnerable from the impact of COVID-19. The Finance Ministry said, this is the second operation in a programmatic series of two. The first operation of 750 million dollar was approved in May 2020. The programme will strengthen the capability of state and central governments to provide coordinated and adequate social protection to the poor and vulnerable from the shocks triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

S Jaishankar launches economic diplomacy website

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has launched an economic diplomacy website which will showcase India's economic, sectoral, and state-wise strengths. Mr Jaishankar said the website positions a multidimensional and dynamic Brand India to the global business community through a specific focus on government's ease of doing business initiatives, policy reforms and incentives aimed at attracting foreign investment.

India signs one billion dollar loan agreement with NDB for Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

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India, ADB sign 4.21 million dollar PRF facility for preparation of infrastructure development projects

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) today signed a 4.21 million dollar project readiness financing (PRF) facility for the preparation of infrastructure development projects to improve urban amenities and develop tourism infrastructure in Tripura. This is ADB's first PRF facility for a state in the northeastern region of India.

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I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar announces the selection films in Indian Panorama for the 51st IFFI

Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar today announced the selection of 23 Feature and 20 non-feature films in Indian Panorama for the 51st International Film Festival of India, IFFI to be held in Goa in January next year. In the Feature films section, 23 films are selected that include Kripal Kalita directed Assamese movie Bridge, Hindi Films Saand Ki Aankh and Chichhore, Govind Nihlani's English movie Up Up & Up, Nila Madhab Panda's Odia movie Kalira Atita, Marathi Movie Pawaas, Sanskrit Movie Namoo and Malayalam Movie safe directed by Pradheep Kailipurayath.

India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020 to be organized from 22 December

India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020 is going to be organized from 22 December on virtual platforms. This will be the largest science festival to be held on a virtual platform. The central theme of this year's festival is "Science for Self-reliant India and Global Welfare". The festival begins on 22nd December, the birthday of Srinivas Ramanujam, the world renowned Indian mathematician and culminates on 25th December, the birthday of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee who was a firm believer of development through Science & Technology.

Skill India establishes first Centre of Excellence for Skill Development in Power Sector

Skill India has established the first Centre of Excellence for Skill Development in the Power Sector in the campus of National Institute of Solar Energy, Gurugram Haryana. Inaugurating the Centre, Minister of State for Skill Development Raj Kumar Singh said that India is taking rapid strides to move towards renewable energy to accelerate economic development, improve energy security and energy access while mitigating climate change challenges too.

Last date for submission of life certificate for pensioners extended till Feb 28

As a major relief to senior citizens, the life certificate submission date has been extended for pensioners upto February 28 next year. Minister of personnel Dr Jitendra Singh informed this.



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First-ever direct flight from Delhi to Shillong becomes operational

the first-ever direct flight from Delhi to Shillong became operational. Transport Minister, Sniawbhalang Dhar travelled in the FlyBig flight and landed at Umroi Airport. FlyBig has partnered with the State Government to operate direct flights between Delhi-Shillong and Shillong-Delhi.

Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar releases Status of Leopard in India 2018 report

Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar released the Status of Leopard in India 2018 report. Mr Javadekar announced that India now has 12,852 leopards. He said, more than 60 per cent increase has been recorded in the leopard population over the previous estimate which was conducted in 2014.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India, UK hold delegation level talks on boosting cooperation in different areas

India and the UK held delegation level talks on strengthening cooperation in different areas including trade and prosperity, defence and security, climate and health. Visiting UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in New Delhi where the two leaders discussed how to give policy directions to broaden bilateral cooperation and encourage more activities and collaborations.

Ashok Leyland introduces two passenger bus Falcon Super and Gazl in Saudi Arabia

Hinduja Group flagship firm Ashok Leyland introduced two passenger bus models - the 70-seater Falcon Super and 26-seater Gazl - in Saudi Arabia. Manufactured at Ashok Leyland's Ras Al Khaimah facility in the UAE, 70-seater Falcon Super buses will be predominantly marketed to corporate entities and 26-seater Gazl will be more focused on the hospitality and tourism sector.

High Commission of India launches essay competition in Bangladesh

The High Commission of India in Bangladesh launched a writing competition on the topic 'What Liberation Means to Me?' for Bangladeshi youth between 18-35 years of age on the eve of the Victory Day celebrations marking liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan in 1971. The writing competition has been organised in association with 'Youth Opportunities' which works among the young people as a youth development platform. The submission deadline for the competition is 10th January. The winner of the essay competition will be awarded a laptop as a prize. Top 10 will get a smartphone, crest, book and certificate.



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Kazakhstan celebrates its 29th anniversary as sovereign independent nation

On 16th December Kazakhstan is celebrating its 29th anniversary as a sovereign independent nation. Relations between India and Kazakhstan are ancient and historical going back to more than 2000 years. Both the countries actively cooperate under the aegis of Multilateral Fora including CICA, SCO and the UN organizations.

Webinar and expo between India and Maldives held

A webinar and expo between India and Maldives was held. The theme of the webinar was 'Joint Indo Maldives High Level Defence Engagement'. It was organised under the aegis of Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence through Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. This webinar is the part of Aero India 21 series of webinars which is being organised to boost defence cooperation and engagements with friendly foreign countries.

WHO team expected to visit China in January 2021 to probe COVID-19 origins

The much-awaited international mission led by the World Health Organization (WHO) is expected to go to China in the first week of January to investigate the origins of the novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that triggered the COVID-19 pandemic.

India and Bangladesh sign 7 MoUs, agreements

India and Bangladesh signed seven MoUs and agreements during the virtual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The agreements include a framework of understanding in Hydrocarbon sector, framework agreement on High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP), protocol on transborder elephant conservation, an MoU on the supply of equipment and improvement of Garbage and solid waste disposal, MoU in the field of agriculture, an MoU between National Museum Delhi and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial museum, Dhaka and terms of reference for India Bangladesh CEO forum.

Biden names Indian-American Vedant Patel as Assistant WH Press Secretary

US President-elect Joe Biden has named Indian-American Vedant Patel to be the Assistant Press Secretary as he announced the additional members of the White House Communications and Press Staff. Patel is currently the senior spokesperson of the Biden inaugural committee.

All flights originating from UK to India to be suspended till 31st December

India has suspended all flights originating from the United Kingdom to the country till 31st December 2020, amid growing global concerns over a highly infectious new strain of the Coronavirus.



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PM Modi holds Virtual Summit with Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Xuan Phuc

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a Virtual Summit with his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Xuan Phuc. The two leaders reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations, discussions on regional and global issues of mutual interest. Post-pandemic economic revival was also on the agenda. India and Vietnam have signed seven new agreements on areas such as defence, scientific research, nuclear and renewable energy, petrochemicals and other diverse subjects like cancer treatment.

BANKING & FINANCE

RBI slaps ₹50 lakh fine on Urban Co-operative Bank in Kerala

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹50.00 lakh on The Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd. No. 1758, Perinthalmanna for non-compliance with directions issued on Income Recognition and Asset Classification (IRAC) norms and on Management of Advances-UCBs. RBI also said that the action against the co-operative bank is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement.

Department of Posts & India Post Payments Bank unveil new digital payment app 'DakPay'

Department of Posts and India Post Payments Bank today unveiled a new digital payment app DakPay. The App is launched as part of its ongoing efforts to provide Digital Financial inclusion at the last mile across India. DakPay is not just a digital payment app but a suite of digital financial and assisted banking services provided by India Post and IPPB through the trusted Postal network across the nation to cater to the financial needs of various sections of the society.

ICICI Direct launches zero brokerage plan

ICICI Securities (I-Sec), one of India's largest brokerage houses with approx. 5 million customers, has launched 'ICICIdirect Neo' – a zero brokerage plan. This plan is targeted at traders, offering unlimited trading with zero brokerage on all Futures trades and flat ₹20 per order for Margin and Options trades. ICICIdirect Neo will provide instant liquidity, where customers get cash within 30 minutes of selling stocks as per their chosen plan.

WhatsApp Payments is live with SBI, HDFC, Axis Bank

WhatsApp's Payments feature is now available to users in India (currently up to 20 million users) with support from State Bank of India, HDFC, ICICI and Axis Bank. WhatsApp designed its payments feature on National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) Unified Payment Interface (UPI) system and was granted approvals to go live in November 2020. Digital payments in India are expected to reach \$94 trillion by FY25 and WhatsApp Payments aims to cater to that demand.



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IndusInd Bank launches its first metal credit card 'PIONEER Heritage'

IndusInd Bank in partnership with Mastercard announced the launch of its first metal credit card - 'PIONEER Heritage'. Equipped with best-in-class features and privileges across an array of categories like travel, wellness, lifestyle among others, the all-new credit card has been specially curated to match the requirements of affluent Indian professionals and entrepreneurs.

Yes Bank partners VISA, introduces new line of E-series debit cards

Yes Bank has announced its partnership with VISA as a payment processor to enhance payments efficiency for salaried and Yes First account holders. So far, Yes Bank debit cards have existed on Mastercard and RuPay platforms, but with the new launch, customers can get VISA-branded debit cards as well. Yes Bank also introduced a new line of vertical Debit cards under the E-series across Mastercard and VISA cards.

RBI extends centralised KYC norms to legal entities

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the applicability of centralised KYC registry to legal entities, from individual accounts at present, effective 1 April 2021. Banks and non-banks and other entities regulated by RBI have been uploading the KYC data pertaining to all individual accounts to the centralised KYC registry. KYC procedures enable banks to understand their customers and their financial dealings better which in turn help them manage their risks prudently.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Amazon India's new initiative 'Saathi' to help 7 lakh sellers to exchange knowledge

Amazon India announced the launch of Amazon Saathi, a peer mentorship programme that will help sellers to exchange knowledge and share best practices. The new programme will help the sellers on Amazon and small and medium businesses (SMBs) across India to get access to a wealth of content presented by experienced sellers on the marketplace. Established Amazon sellers can engage with over 7 lakh sellers to share their learnings and experiences of operating an online business.



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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

SAIL gets Golden Peacock Environment Management Award

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been awarded with the prestigious Golden Peacock Environment Management Award for the year 2020 in the Steel Sector by the Institute of Directors.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Sekhar Vempati elected as Vice President of Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union

Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar has congratulated Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Sekhar Vempati on being elected as Vice President of Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union.

Bank of Baroda appoints Ian De Souza as new chief financial officer

Bank of Baroda has appointed Ian De Souza as new chief financial officer, the public sector lender on Thursday said in the regulatory findings. He will replace Subrat Kumar. Kumar joined the bank as CFO in July this year. Ian De Souza will replace Subrat Kumar. De Souza has 23 years of experience in the banking and financial services domain.

MobiKwik appointed PayPal India's Siddharth Dhamija as CEO of Zaakpay

MobiKwik has appointed Siddharth Dhamija as chief executive officer (CEO) of Zaakpay, its payment gateway arm. Dhamija brings 23 years of experience to the company. He was part of the founding team that launched PayPal's domestic payments business. He also led the Enterprise Business at PayPal India. During his tenure in PayPal, the platform managed partnerships with global merchants present in India. Prior to PayPal, he was a part of the founding team at Razorpay as its chief growth officer. He has also worked with companies like Subex.

Senior IPS officer S K Singhal appointed DGP of Bihar

Senior IPS officer S K Singhal has been made the new Director General of Police DGP of Bihar. Mr. Singhal is a 1988 batch Bihar cadre IPS officer. He will superannuation on August 31 next year.



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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China's spacecraft successfully brings home moon samples

China's Chang'e-5 probe successfully touched down on Earth in the early hours, bringing home the first samples of the moon in over 40 years.

ISRO successfully launches country's new communication satellite CMS-01

The Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO, has successfully launched the country's new communication satellite CMS-01 in the intended orbit in space. The workhorse rocket PSLV-C50 carrying the satellite lifted off from the second launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota at 15.41 hours as planned. In just about 21 minutes, the launch mission was accomplished and the satellite was injected into the geo-synchronous transfer orbit.

New Indian social networking app set to launch in 100 countries

Forpose Pvt. Ltd., an SaaS (Software as a Service) developer, based out of Hyderabad, announced the launch of a social networking app named Forpose. A beta version of the application had gone live in August this year. The company is ready to launch the application for users across 100 countries from the start of 2021. The company claims that as a social networking platform, the app will not just connect people, but create new business opportunities for the fashion sector.

Google launches insights tools for travel industry

Google announced the launch of a dedicated website that provides demand trends to travel sector participants including hotels, travel startup, and booking agents. Called Travel Insights with Google, the website is aimed at helping the sector better understand the pent-up demand and leverage insights from key data led tools for businesses to position themselves for recovery.

RANKINGS

India drops two spots to rank 131 of 189 in Human development index

India ranks 131 of 189 countries on the Human Development Index (HDI), slipping two places from last year, the Human Development Report (HDR) 2020 released by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Norway topped the index, followed by Ireland and Switzerland. Hong Kong and Iceland complete the top five on the HDI.



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SPORTS

Australia dismiss India for 36 - their lowest ever Test score

The Indian cricket team on Saturday scored its lowest ever lowest ever total in Test cricket, collapsing to 36/9 in the terminated second innings against Australia on the third morning of the first Day/Night Test here. India's earliest lowest score was 42 at the Lord's in 1974 against England, known in Indian cricket parlance as 'Summer of 42'.

AIFF announces candidature to host AFC Asian Cup 2027

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has formally announced its candidature to host the AFC Asian Cup 2027 and deliver a brighter future together for football in India and across Asia. The India 2027 campaign's powerful logo, revealed at the launch, represents the ambition, commitment, focus and spirit of the bid, epitomized by the royal tiger. The tiger is also an emblem of India's national team, the Blue Tigers.

Govt approves inclusion of four indigenous sports in Khelo India Youth Games 2021

The Sports Ministry has approved the inclusion of four indigenous Games to be a part of Khelo India Youth Games 2021, scheduled to take place in Haryana. The games include Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba. The four selected games represent different parts of the country. Kalaripayattu has its origin from Kerala. Mallakhamba has been well-known across India and Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have been the hotspots of this sport. Gatka originates from Punjab. Thang-Ta originates from Manipur.

OBITUARY

RSS ideologue MG Vaidya passes away

RSS ideologue and senior journalist, Madhav Govind Vaidya died at a private Hospital in Nagpur. He was 97 year old.

Veteran Congress leader Motilal Vora passes away

Veteran Congress leader Motilal Vora passed away at a private hospital in New Delhi. He was 93. Motilal Vora was elected to the Madhya Pradesh Assembly six times and served twice as Chief Minister of the State. He was Member of Rajya Sabha four times and the Lok Sabha for one term. He also served as Governor of Uttar Pradesh and Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Civil Aviation.



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