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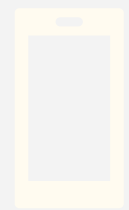
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Petascale Supercomputer "PARAM Shakti" at IIT Kharagpur Dedicated to the Nation

- "PARAM Shakti", a Petascale Supercomputer " at IIT Kharagpur, has been dedicated to the nation under Indian government's (National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)) - a joint initiative of (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Department of Science and Technology (DST).)



3rd edition of "India-Uzbekistan" joint military exercise begins in Yangiariq

EX-DUSTLIK

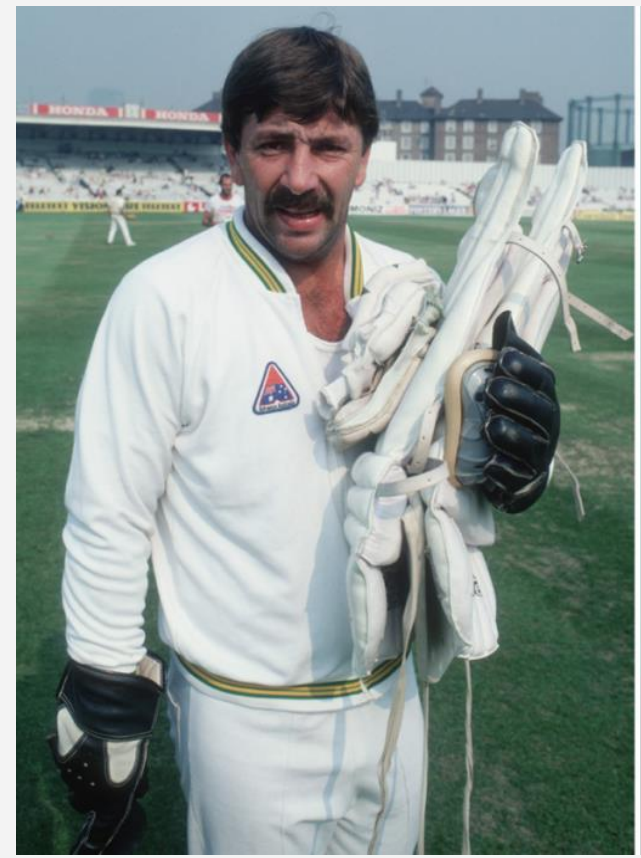
- The 3rd edition of joint training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies, "EXDUSTLIK is being conducted at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan from today to 31st March 2022."
- The last edition of DUSTLIK was conducted in Ranikhet, Uttarakhand in March last year. 2021
- The joint exercise would focus on counter terrorism operations in semi-urban terrain under a United Nations Mandate."



Former Australian wicket-keeper Rod Marsh, 74, dies

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- Former Australian wicket-keeper Rod Marsh has died, aged 74. 70's & 80's
- He featured in 96 Tests for Australia in the seventies and eighties, claiming 355 dismissals, while scoring (3633 runs.)
- Marsh served as chair of selectors for the men's national team before stepping down in 2016.



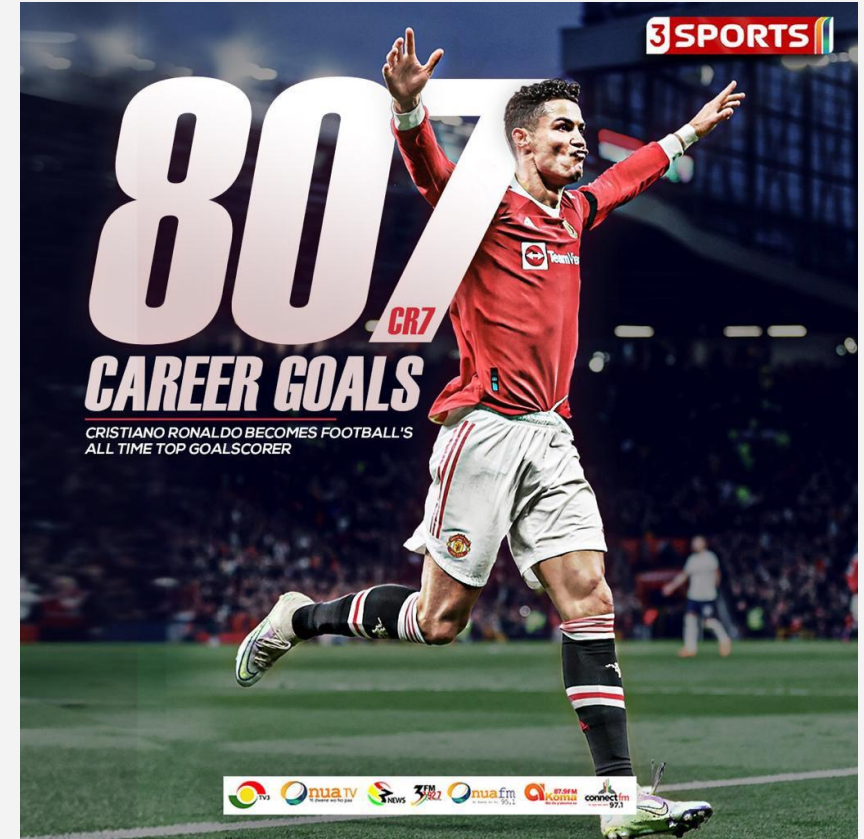
Australia's legendary cricketer Shane Warne dies of "heart attack"



- Australian cricket legend Shane Warne has died at the age of 52 after a heart attack in "Koh Samui, Thailand."
- Warne is widely considered one of the best players in history, having taken 708 wickets in 145 Test matches. ✓ 708 ✓
- He was a key member in one of the greatest teams in history, with Australia dominating the sport for much of his 15-year international career ✓

With 807 goals Cristiano Ronaldo becomes football's all-time leading scorer

- Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo sketched his name in the record books as professional football's all-time leading scorer with 807 goals after a brilliant hat-trick against Premier League rivals Tottenham Hotspur.
- Ronaldo's goals have been scored for Sporting, United, Real Madrid, Juventus and the Portugal national team.
- Austro-Czech Josef Bican netted 805 goals during a career that lasted from 1931 to '55.



Team India captain Mithali Raj makes history, breaks World Cup captaincy record

- India's ODI skipper Mithali Raj has broke the record for most matches captained in the ICC Women's World Cup, surpassing former Australian counterpart Belinda Clark.
- Mithali, 39, led the cotuntry in 24 World Cup games, claiming 14 victories, 8 losses and one no result.
- Clark had captained her side in 23 matches.



Devendra Jhajharia becomes first para athlete to receive Padma Bhushan

- The legendary Devendra Jhajharia has become the first para athlete to receive the Padma Bhushan, the country's (third highest civilian award).
- The 40-year-old Jhajharia received the prestigious award from President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

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Govt permits up to 20% FDI under automatic route in LIC

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Foreign Investment Promotion Board

Government has permitted up to 20 percent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) under automatic route in Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) with an aim to facilitate disinvestment of the country's largest insurer.

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) had mooted the proposal to allow FDI in LIC, after taking views from the Ministry of Finance



Celebrating 75 years of Indo-Netherlands ties; Special logo unveiled

India and the Netherlands established diplomatic relations in 1947. Since then, the two countries have developed strong political, economic & commercial relations, and various sectoral co-operations.

The Netherlands presented 3,000 fresh tulips to India, as a symbol of friendship, which were planted in the Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan gardens.

The Netherlands has Europe's second-biggest Indian diaspora community after UK



'Green Triangle' named after Mahatma Gandhi inaugurated in Madagascar's capital

As part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate India's 75th year of independence, a 'Green Triangle' named after Mahatma Gandhi was jointly inaugurated in Madagascar's capital (Antananarivo).

The word 'green' in the plaque signifies their commitment to sustainable development and saving the environment."



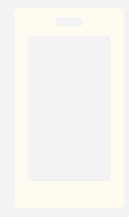
Kuwaiti becomes hottest place on earth, temperature reaches

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53.2 degrees Celsius

Kuwait reached a scorching temperature of 53.2 degrees Celsius (127.7 degrees Fahrenheit), making it among the hottest places on earth.

It was so hot in Kuwait last summer that birds dropped dead from the sky. Sea horses boiled to death in the bay.



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First wildlife bond
issued by World
Bank to save
Africa's black rhino

- The World Bank has priced the world's first wildlife bond, raising \$150 million that will be partly used for the conservation of black rhinos in South Africa.
- The five-year bond will pay returns determined by the rate of growth in populations of the animals in two South African reserves, (the Addo Elephant National Park and the Great Fish River Nature Reserve.)

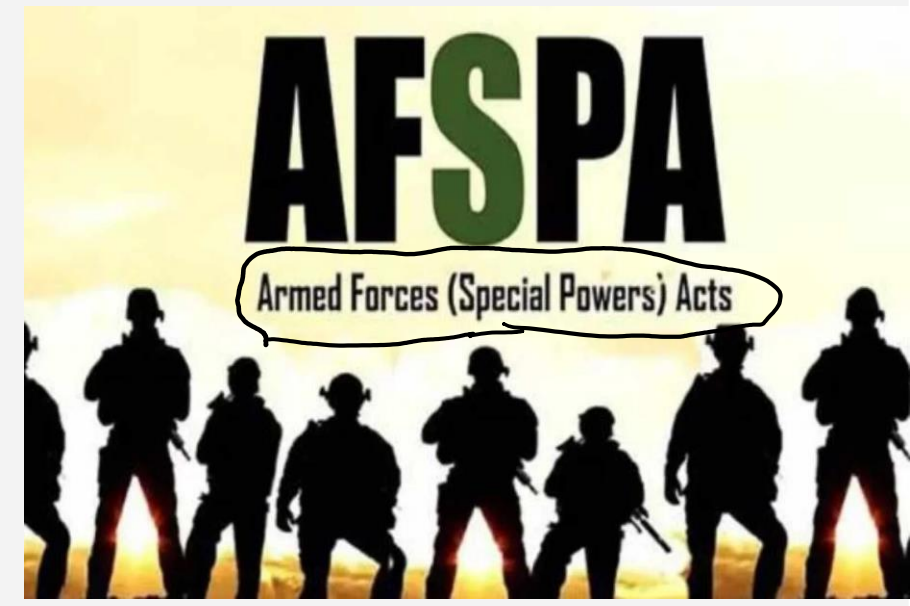


Assam government has declared the entire State of Assam as 'disturbed area' up to 6 months

Assam government has declared the entire State of Assam as 'Disturbed Area' up to 6 (six) months with effect from February 28, 2022.

The declaration has been made as per powers conferred (under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958.) ✓

AFSPA Act in its original form was promulgated by the (British in response to the Quit India movement in 1942)



India's largest reclining statue to be situated in Bodh Gaya

India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha is being built in Bodh Gaya.

Built by Buddha International Welfare Mission, the statue will be 100 feet long and 30 feet high.

Lord Buddha is in the sleeping posture in the statue.



Gujarat gets India's first 'steel road'

The Diamond City of India, Surat has become the first in India to get a road that is made out of steel waste.

Built by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India with CSIR India (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) & CRRI (Central Road Research Institute) along with the government think tank NITI Aayog, the steel slag road is a stellar example of sustainable development



MISCELLANEOUS



1. World Meteorological Day- March 23 ✓
2. This year, the theme is 'Early Warning and Early Action'.
3. World Tuberculosis Day- March 24 ✓ (✓)
4. National Dolphin Day- October 5
5. 36th International Geological Congress to be held in New Delhi
6. Canada has approved the use of Covifenz the world's first plant-derived Covid-19 vaccine ✓ (✓) (✓)
7. Iran puts second military satellite into orbit – Tasnim
8. National women's chess championship: Divya Deshmukh
9. T S Ramakrishnan appointed as new MD and CEO of LIC Mutual Fund



QUIZ

1. Which word has been chosen as the "2021 word of the year" by Merriam-Webster?

- A. Vaccine ✓
- B. Quarantine
- C. Infection
- D. Isolation



2. Who is the author of the book “Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism”?

- A. Dinyar Patel
- B. Milan Vaishnav
- C. Ornit Shani
- D. Jairam Ramesh



3. 'GJ 367 b', which was discovered recently, is a
- A. Black-hole
 - B. Exo-planet
 - C. Asteroid
 - D. Meteor

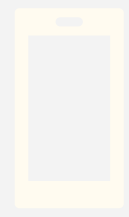
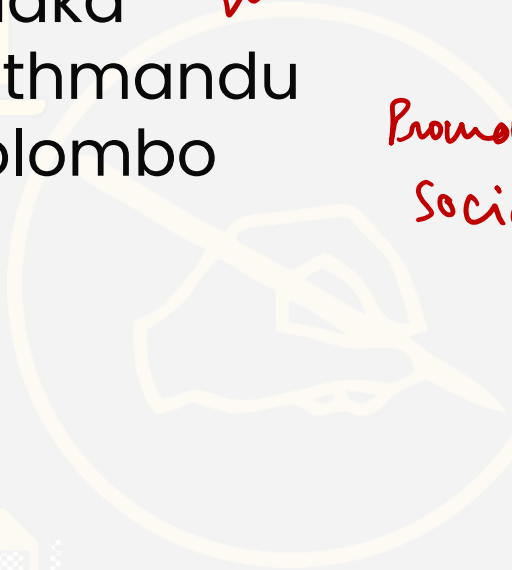
Extrasolar planet, also called exoplanet, any planetary body that is outside the solar system and that usually orbits a star other than the sun (Extrasolar planets were first discovered in 1992)



4. The SAARC Charter was adopted in which city on December 8, 1985?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Dhaka ✓
- C. Kathmandu
- D. Colombo

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Social progress etc



5. Which Indian has become the third woman to receive the '2021 DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize'?

- A. Nikhil Srivastava
- B. Neena Gupta ✓
- C. Chandrashekhar Khare
- D. Lakshmi Bai



