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Let's check this news about (Chhatrapati Shivaj) Then, we will move ahead.

Chhatrapati Shivaji's Bagh Nakh Returns to India

The historic bagh nakh, used by Maratha king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to kill Bijapur general Afzal Khan in the 1659 Battle of Pratapgarh, is now on display at the Satara Museum until January. Brought from London's Victoria and Albert Museum, the weapon commemorates the 350th anniversary of Shivaji's coronation. After Satara, it will be displayed in Nagpur and Kolhapur for nine months each before moving to a Mumbai museum. Despite claims of it being a replica, its historical significance remains celebrated.



[Image Source: NDTV]

Telangana CM Launches Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayahastam

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched the "Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayahastam" scheme, offering ₹1 lakh financial aid to Civil Services aspirants from Telangana who qualify for the Mains exams. Targeting about 400 candidates annually, the scheme, funded by Singareni Collieries Company Ltd under its 'Nirmaan' programme, supports SC, ST, OBC, Women, and EWS candidates with family incomes below ₹8 lakhs. This initiative addresses the issues faced by unemployed youth, with job notifications set to be issued annually by June 2.

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IISR Secures Best Technology Award

The Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) won the best technology award for developing the 'Process for instant soluble turmeric enriched spice flavoured milk powder'. Presented by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at ICAR's 96th Foundation Day, this technology was among the top five in ICAR's Horticulture Sciences Division. Developed by IISR scientists K. Anees, Rajeev P., E. Radha, and C. K. Thankamani, it addresses turmeric's water insolubility and has been commercialized by Malabar Regional Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Ltd, resulting in the products Golden Milk and Golden Milk Mix.



[Image Source: The Hindu Business Line]

Vinay Kwatra Named as India's New Ambassador to the US



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Former Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to the United States, succeeding Taranjit Sandhu. Kwatra, who served as Foreign Secretary from May 2022 to July 2024, has had a distinguished diplomatic career since joining the Indian Foreign Service in 1988. His previous roles include Ambassador to France and Nepal, and key positions at India's Permanent Mission in Geneva, in Beijing, and Washington. His extensive experience makes him well-suited for this high-profile assignment.



[Image Source: India Today]

Ivory Coast Becomes 10th African Nation to Join UN Water Convention

Ivory Coast has joined the 1992 UN Water Convention as its 53rd Party and the 10th African nation to do so. This move highlights Africa's increasing focus on cooperative water management amid rising water stress and climate change. Ivory Coast, sharing transboundary river basins with multiple countries, faces significant water challenges due to rapid growth and pollution. The Convention, which promotes sustainable management of shared water resources, is crucial for regional cooperation and climate adaptation. Sierra Leone, Zambia, and Zimbabwe are also expected to join soon.



[Image Source: Down To Earth]

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Classical and Quantum Communications for 6G in Chennai

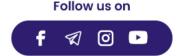
The inauguration of the "Classical and Quantum Communications for 6G" center at IITM Research Park, Chennai, marks a pivotal step towards advancing 6G technology. Supported by the Telecom Centres of Excellence (TCoE)-India, it aims to foster collaboration among researchers and industry experts. This initiative aligns with India's "Bharat 6G Vision," focusing on affordability, sustainability, and ubiquity in telecom solutions. The IMT-2030 framework, adopted by the ITU, underscores sustainability and security as critical for global 6G development, reinforcing India's role in shaping future telecom standards.



[Image Source: Business Standard]

RBI Forms Panel to Evaluate White-Label ATM Fees

The RBI has formed a committee to review the fee structure of white-label ATMs (WLAs), aiming to address sustainability issues amid digital banking growth. Key objectives include analyzing current policies, interchange fees, and international practices. Chaired by Indian Banks' Association CEO Sunil Mehta, the committee includes stakeholders from banks, ATM manufacturers, and NPCI. Proposed changes include raising transaction fees. WLAs provide basic services but lack features like cash deposits. RBI's initiatives seek to enhance retail payment systems and expand ATM access, particularly in rural areas.



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[Image Source: The Economic Times]

International Moon Day Observed on July 20

International Moon Day, observed annually on July 20th, commemorates humanity's lunar exploration achievements, notably the Apollo 11 mission's first Moon landing in 1969. Established by UN resolution 76/76 in 2021, it promotes sustainable Moon exploration, international cooperation in space activities, and public awareness. The day underscores the Moon's historical fascination, from ancient cultures to modern telescopic studies and space missions. The UN's role in space governance, including the Outer Space Treaty and COPUOS, highlights its commitment to peaceful and beneficial space exploration.



[Image Source: CNBC TV18]

Latest FIFA Rankings Announced

India remains in 124th place in the latest FIFA rankings, a slight relief after recent declines due to failures in World Cup qualifiers. Historically, India reached its highest ranking of 99 last year but has since dropped. In Asia, India is 22nd, behind teams like Lebanon and Vietnam. Meanwhile, Argentina leads the global rankings, with France, Spain, England, and Brazil rounding out the top five. Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal, Colombia, and Italy complete the top ten. Key facts: FIFA President is Giovanni Infantino, based in Zürich, established in 1904.

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[Image Source: Hindustan Times]

New Plant Species Discovered by Scientists in Arunachal Pradesh

Researchers from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have discovered a new plant species, Phlogacanthus sudhansusekharii, in Arunachal Pradesh's Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary. This species, part of the Acanthaceae family and Phlogacanthus genus, is named to honour Dr. Sudhansu Sekhar Dash for his contributions to plant research in the Indian Himalayas. Published in the Indian Journal of Forestry by Samrat Goswami and Rohan Maity, the new species is related to Phlogacanthus guttatus but differs in calyx shape, staminodes, and corona color.



[Image Source: The Hindu]

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