

RAFAEL NADAL CLINCHES HIS 10TH BARCELONA OPEN TITLE



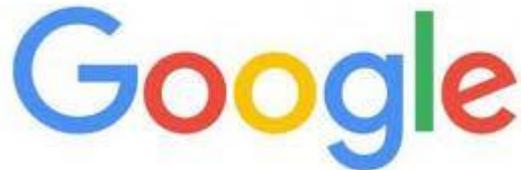
Rafael Nadal romped to his 10th Barcelona Open title on Sunday as he swept aside Austria's Dominic Thiem 6-4, 6-1 for a 51st clay-court crown. The Spaniard has made the perfect start to the clay-court season and will aim for a 10th French Open next month after also claiming his 10th title at the Monte Carlo Masters last week. Nadal won in Barcelona between 2005-2009, 2011-13 and now in the last two years. The 14-time Grand Slam champion looks like the man to beat in Paris as on the court newly baptised in his name he failed to drop a set all week.

MERCEDES' VALTTERI BOTTAS REGISTERS MAIDEN FORMULA ONE WIN IN RUSSIA



In a thrilling finish to Russian Grand Prix, Valtteri Bottas claimed his maiden Formula One victory on Sunday when he resisted intense pressure from championship leader Sebastian Vettel to triumph for Mercedes in the last couple of laps. Bottas is now the 107th different winner in Formula One history.

GOOGLE INTRODUCES 'SOLVE FOR INDIA' CAMPAIGN: AIMS TO EMPOWER DEVELOPERS FROM TIER 2 CITIES



Google has announced the new "Solve for India" initiative, especially for tier-2 cities such as Pune, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kochi, Indore, Nagpur, Nashik, Madurai, Kanpur, and Chennai. This program will aim to support entrepreneurs and developers of the country. The program will provide a platform for developers, entrepreneurs in tier 2 cities to hear from experts and learn about the latest Google technologies and get access to direct mentoring and support from Google.

HERO MOTOCORP CONFERRED WITH 'INDIAN MNC OF THE YEAR' AWARD BY AIMA



Pawan Munjal, Chairman, Managing Director and CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd., was on Friday felicitated by the All India Management Association (AIMA) for the rapid global expansion of Brand Hero. Hero MotoCorp, the India's largest two-wheeler manufacturer, was adjudged the 'Indian MNC of the year' by AIMA at a glittering function in the national capital.

SYRIAN REFUGEE AND OLYMPIC SWIMMER YUSRA MARDINI BECOMES UNHCR AMBASSADOR



The UN said that it had enlisted Yusra Mardini, the teenage Olympic swimmer who withstood a Mediterranean crossing in a leaky dinghy fleeing war-torn Syria, to help raise awareness about the plight of refugees. The United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) said that it had appointed Ms Mardini as its newest Goodwill Ambassador, a role long famously held by US movie star Angelina Jolie.

ASSAM GETS ITS FIRST SHATABDI EXPRESS WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR RAILWAYS RAJEN GOHAIN FLAGGING OFF



Assam on Sunday got its first Shatabdi Express with Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain flagging off the train from Dibrugarh. The new Shatabdi Express train (No. 12085/12086) will run between Dibrugarh and Guwahati. "There was a long-standing demand for better rail connectivity with Guwahati from Dibrugarh and the Dibrugarh-Guwahati Shatabdi Express would fulfil that demand of the people," said Gohain while flagging off the train.

KERALA'S AYMANAM BECOMES COUNTRY'S FIRST DIGITISED PANCHAYAT WARD



Kerala's Aymanam on Saturday became India's first digitalised panchayat ward. Union minister of state for social justice and empowerment Krishan Pal Gurjar inaugurated the website of the first digitalised panchayat ward number 15 of Aymanam gram panchayat at a function held at a temple premises.

INDIA TO OVERTAKE GERMANY AS FOURTH LARGEST ECONOMY BY 2022: IMF



India is all set to replace Germany as world's fourth largest economy and would remove Britain from the top five list by 2022, a research study published by International Monetary Fund revealed. However, the country that has been led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi since May 2014 has many challenges on its way to achieving the goal, according to a report.

E-TAXI TRIAL RUN TO BEGIN IN NAGPUR FROM 24 MAY 2017



The first electric taxi trial in the country is going to be launched in Nagpur from 24 May, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said today. Gadkari, who was here to inspect the Eastern Peripheral Express, told that "Mahindra and Mahindra will be providing 200 taxis for the project."The project will be undertaken by Nagpur Municipal Corporation and is the first project of its kind in the country, he added.

RBI ASKS ARCS TO HAVE A MINIMUM NET CORPUS OF RS100 CRORE BY 2019



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked all the existing asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) to have a minimum net owned fund (NOF) of Rs100 crore by March 2019. This decision has been taken by RBI in accordance with its last bi-monthly monetary policy in which it had proposed to stipulate a minimum NOF of Rs100 crore taking into consideration the enhanced role and greater cash based transactions carried out by ARCs.

INDIA TO LAUNCH SOUTH-ASIA SATELLITE ON 5TH MAY 2017



The South-Asia satellite for use by countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) region will be launched on May 5. This was stated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his latest Mann ki Batt radio address. The Prime Minister has hailed the satellite as an invaluable gift of India to South Asia and has further stated that the satellite “will go a long way in addressing South Asia’s economic and developmental priorities.”

TURKEY'S PRESIDENT RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN ON VISIT TO INDIA



Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will on Monday hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Erdogan, who arrived Sunday, is on a two-day visit to India, and this is his first visit to India as the Turkish President. Earlier in the day, Erdogan was awarded a ceremonial welcome by President Pranab Mukherjee at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. He also paid his tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat, following which he addressed a FICCI business summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

INDIA TO GIVE RS 35 CR TO BANGLADESH UNDER MUKTIJODHA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME



The children of freedom fighters in Bangladesh were given scholarships by India at a program jointly organized by Indian High Commission and Bangladesh Muktiyodha Academy on Saturday. The program was inaugurated by Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla. Dr. Mahfujur Rahman, the chairman of Freedom Fighter Research Center, also spoke on the occasion.

FORMER MINISTER ASHWANI KUMAR TO GET JAPAN IMPERIAL DECORATION



Japan has selected former union minister for Law and Justice Ashwani Kumar for this year's Spring Imperial Decorations, for his contribution to strengthening of the bilateral ties and promotion of friendship between Tokyo and New Delhi. Kumar will be conferred with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun, the highest category of decorations among the Orders of the Rising Sun, in recognition of distinguished accomplishments of individuals.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY OBSERVED ON 1ST MAY TO ENCOURAGE THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ASSOCIATIONS



International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day in some countries, is a celebration of labourers and the working classes that is promoted by the international labour movement, socialists, communists or anarchists and occurs every year on May Day (1 May), an ancient European spring festival. The date was chosen for International Workers' Day by the Second International, a pan-national organization of socialist and communist political parties, to commemorate the Haymarket affair, which occurred in Chicago on 4 May 1886.