

WORLD'S BIGGEST X-RAY LASER GENERATES FIRST BEAM OF LIGHT



The world's biggest X-ray laser has generated its first beam of light, that will allow scientists to get a glimpse of new materials, drugs and chemical reactions at the atomic level. The 3.4-kilometre-long European XFEL, most of which is located in underground tunnels in Germany, will usher a new era of European research, according to scientists. The biggest X-ray light has a wavelength of 0.8 nanometre – about 500 times shorter than that of visible light. At first lasing, the laser had a repetition rate of one pulse per second, which will later increase to 27,000 per second.

QUIKR ACQUIRES ZIMMNER TO STRENGTHEN HOME SERVICE BUSINESS



Online classifieds platform Quikr has acquired home services marketplace Zimmer for an undisclosed amount as it looks to grow deeper into the home services space. Zimmer is Quikr's tenth acquisition and offers a marketplace for plumbers, electricians, carpenters and cleaning agents. For the time being the company will continue to function independently of the parent company's own services."Household services is an exciting category which is seeing increasing adoption among urban consumers.

SACHIN TENDULKAR CONFERRED WITH FELLOWSHIP AWARD IN UK



India's cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar plans to support charities and various initiatives to help the under-privileged people in the second innings of his life. Tendulkar, 44, made the remarks here while receiving the Fellowship Award at the 7th annual Asian Awards last night. He said playing for India for 24 years was a memorable journey and winning the world cup was icing on the cake. Now in the second chapter of his life he plans to support charities and various initiatives to help the under-privileged people.

SHIVA THAPA SETTLES FOR SILVER AT ASIAN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Indian boxer Shiva Thapa (60kg) had to settle for a silver medal after an injury-forced loss in the at the Asian Boxing Championships. However, with this medal Thapa became the first Indian to claim three back-to-back medals at the event. Fourth-seeded Shiva Thapa was facing second seed Elnur Abduraimov but lost in a split verdict after a head butt from his opponent resulted in a cut. It was in the final few seconds of the opening round when Shiva Thapa sustained a cut which forced the referee to stop the match.

HINDUJA BROTHERS RETAINED THEIR TOP SPOT OF UK RICH LIST



The Hinduja brothers – Srichand and Gopichand – have retained their top spot in the annual compilation by the Sunday Times of the United Kingdom’s rich set, which said the fortunes of the super-rich increase by what it called a ‘Brexit boom’. More billionaires have entered this year’s list: “Our 29th edition reveals that this year’s 500 richest individuals and families are now wealthier than the entire top 1,000 were in 2016”, it said. The entry level into the list’s top 1,000 has risen to £110 million, double the threshold of 2009.

INDIA REDRAWING BBIN TRANSPORT PLAN AS BHUTAN WITHDRAWS



India is back at the drawing board on BBIN (Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal) Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA), an ambitious sub-regional transport project, even as Bhutan has shelved it for the time being. The BBIN, which is promoted by India and aimed at creating seamless connectivity between the four countries for enhanced sub-regional trade and movement of people, suffered a body blow on April 29, with Bhutan announcing that it will not be able to ratify the plan before it addresses some of concerns raised domestically over the project. “This is Bhutan’s internal matter. The plan can come into force even without Bhutan.

ODISHA TO INTRODUCE BOAT AMBULANCES IN FOUR DISTRICTS



In a bid to augment the existing healthcare delivery system, Odisha government has decided to allocate six boat ambulances in four districts where people are facing problems in availing 108 ambulance service. The boat ambulance service will be made available in Koraput, Kendrapara, Kalahandi and Malkangiri districts through state funds, said P K Meherda, health and family welfare secretary. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed on Saturday between the State government and the Ziquitza Health Care as part of the major initiative to boost health care services.

JHARKHAND ANNOUNCES JANUARY-DECEMBER FINANCIAL YEAR



Jharkhand has decided to become the second state in the country to reschedule its financial year from January to December."Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das in a meeting has directed the officials to spend the money of the current financial year's budget by end of December," said an official to IANS on Saturday."The new budget will be tabled in December," he added.

13TH INTERNATIONAL PERMACULTURE CONVERGENCE, INDIA 2017



'IPC' stands for International Permaculture Convergence, it is a gathering of practitioners of permaculture from around the world, people who are working with nature to design a better world. IPCs started back in 1984 in Australia, and is the key global meeting point for the international permaculture network. It is fully self-financed, so donations and sponsorships are greatly appreciated.

INDIA ORGANISES FESTIVAL IN EGYPT TO MARK TAGORE'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



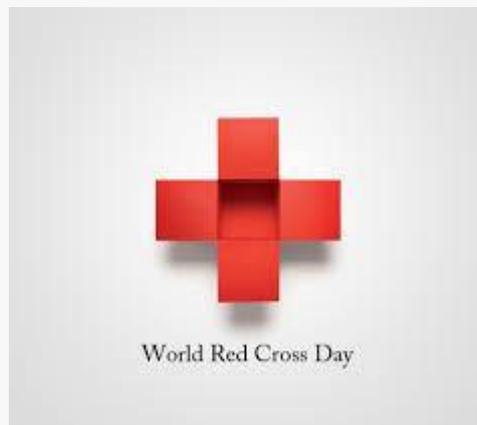
To mark the 156th birth anniversary of the famous Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore, India is organising a cultural festival in Egypt. Being hosted by the Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture, the cultural wing of the Indian Embassy in Cairo, the function started on 8 May 2017. The cultural festival will feature a dance show, film screening, a play and painting competition. The festival will showcase the movie 'Kabuliwala' directed by Hemen Gupta on 8 May 2017 at the Hanager Cinema, Opera House Complex in Egypt.

GREAT BRITAIN WINS SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



Great Britain won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup title after a gap of 23 years with a rousing 4 -3 victory in the final against defending champions Australia in Malaysia on Saturday. Entering the final for the first time since their lone title win in 1994, Great Britain led all the way after securing an early lead in the eighth minute. Nine-time champions Australia fought back to take the encounter to the wire, but the British team defended their citadel well and banked on brisk counters to assert pressure on the rivals.

WORLD RED CROSS DAY OBSERVED WORLDWIDE ON 8TH MAY 2017



World Red Cross day means 8th of May is celebrated every year as the birthday anniversary of founder of the Red Cross. Henry Dunant was the founder of the Red Cross as well as the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), born in the Geneva in the year 1828. He was the most famous person and became the recipient of 1st Nobel Peace Prize. World Red Cross Day is an annual event celebration, celebrating the principles of "International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement". It is celebrated every year to pay tribute to the volunteers participated in the event as well as welcome their precious contribution for helping people in need.

COUNTRY'S 1ST BIO REFINERY PLANT INAUGURATED IN PUNE



Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways inaugurated India's first bio refinery plant that produces ethanol from a variety of biomass in Pune on 7 May 2017. Speaking on the occasion, Gadkari stated that such projects will help stage a great revolution in India's agriculture sector. The project is located at Rahu, a village in Daund Taluka in Pune District of Maharashtra.

EMMANUEL MACRON ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE IN A DECISIVE VICTORY



The pro-EU centrist Emmanuel Macron has won the French presidency in a decisive victory over the far-right Front National leader, Marine Le Pen, and vowed to unite a divided and fractured France. Macron, 39, a former economy minister who ran as a "neither left nor right" independent promising to shake up the French political system, took 65.1% to Le Pen's 34.9%, according to initial projections from early counts.

PM MODI ADDRESSES INDIAN HEADS OF MISSION MEET IN NEW DELHI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today addressed an Indian heads of mission meet, which is brainstorming key foreign policy issues and challenges, including India's engagement with major powers as well as strain in ties with Pakistan and China. "PM Narendramodi addresses 8th HOM Conference at New Delhi," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Vikas Swarup tweeted along with pictures of the PM addressing the Indian heads of mission meet being attended by around 120 envoys posted worldwide.