

INDIA- INDONESIA CO-ORDINATED PATROL COMMENCES, CORPAT



The 29th India–Indonesia CORPAT has commenced at Port Blair under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar Command. The bilateral exercise is scheduled to be held from 9th to 25th May. The Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Sutedi Senoputra has arrived to take part in the 29th series of IND–INDO CORPAT. An Indonesian Maritime Patrol Aircraft has also arrived with the Indonesian Naval delegation. Defence relations between India and Indonesia are growing steadily with regular joint activities and interactions between the Armed Forces of the two countries.

JHULAN GOSWAMI NAMED HIGHEST WICKET-TAKER IN WOMEN'S ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS



Fast bowler Jhulan Goswami is now the highest wicket-taker in one-day internationals in the women's game. Goswami, who now has 181 wickets in 153 matches, surpassed the world record held by Australia bowler Cathryn Fitzpatrick (180). The right-arm bowler broke the record in the ongoing match against hosts South Africa in the Women's Quadrangular Series in Potchefstroom.

MEASUREMENT OF LIVEABILITY INDEX OF CITIES TO COMMENCE NEXT MONTH



Ministry of Urban Development will launch measuring of Liveability Index of cities in the next month. The index will be based on indigenously evolved methodology. The Ministry of Urban Development has already released a detailed document on “Methodology for Collection and Computation of Liveability Standards in Cities”. The index will measure the Liveability Standards of 140 cities including 53 cities with population of 1 million and above. To carry out the assessment, the Ministry has invited bids for selecting the agency.

INDIA AND JAPAN AFFIRM PLANS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEFENCE COOPERATION AMID RISING TENSION IN ASIAN REGION



India and Japan on 8 May 2017 affirmed plans to strengthen their defence cooperation amid rising tension in the Asian region. Defence Minister Arun Jaitley during his visit to Japan informed his Japanese counterpart, Tomomi Inada that India hopes to pursue a strategic partnership with Japan for regional peace and stability. His visit comes at a time of rising tension in the region, including territorial rows in the South China Sea and nuclear and missile threats from North Korea.

N'GOLO KANTE NAMED FOOTBALL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR



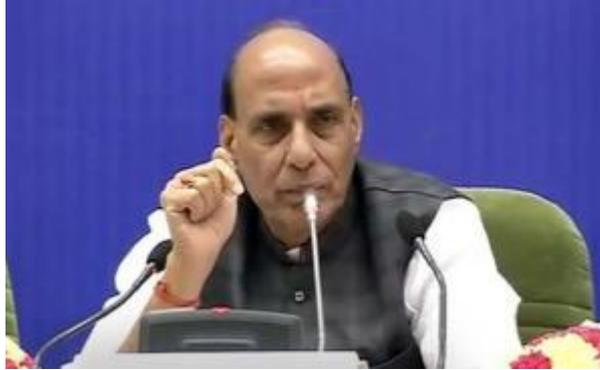
N'Golo Kante in the first week of May 2017 voted the 2017 Footballer of the Year by the Football Writers' Association. Kante topped the poll of the 340-strong membership ahead of his Blues team-mate Eden Hazard, with Tottenham's Dele Alli in third place. Kante and Hazard together collected more than 65 percent of the journalists' votes, which were spread over a record number of 17 different players. The 26-year-old Kante will receive the prestigious FWA accolade at a gala dinner in London on 18 May 2017.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECONCILIATION OBSERVED FOR VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II



Time of remembrance and reconciliation was observed globally on 8-9 May 2017 to pay tribute to all the victims of the Second World War. The day was designated by the UN General Assembly by resolution 59/26 of 22 November 2004. The assembly invited all its Member States, even though they may have individual days of victory, liberation and commemoration, along with all the UN organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the day annually either one or both of these days in an appropriate manner to pay tribute to all the World War II victims.

UNION HOME MINISTER ANNOUNCED SAMADHAN TO TACKLE OF LEFT WING EXTREMISM



The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on 8 May 2017 announced a new doctrine, SAMADHAN. The doctrine was announced during the Review Meeting of Left Wing Extremism affected States which was chaired by Rajnath Singh. The SAMADHAN doctrine was released at the time when the union government is being questioned on its agenda and plan to tackle the menace of the Maoists or left wing extremism.

NATIONAL BOOK TRUST, NBT TO HOST BOOK FAIRS IN PANCHAYATS



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The National Book Trust (NBT) is planning to launch Panchayat Pustak Mela with the aim of organising regular book fairs in rural areas across the country. The main objective behind introducing this new scheme at the panchayat level is to encourage the growth of reading habit in villages. The NBT plans to kick-start the process with a book fair across the panchayat bodies in the Maoist-hit areas of Chhattisgarh.

JUSTICE KARNAN IS THE FIRST HIGH COURT JUDGE TO BE SENTENCED TO JAIL BY SUPREME COURT



A seven-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court (SC), headed by Chief Justice J S Khehar, on 9 May 2017 sentenced Justice C S Karnan, the Calcutta High Court judge, to six months of imprisonment. Justice Karnan has been sentenced for imprisonment for repeated incidents of contempt of court. It is the first time that the Supreme Court has sent a high court judge to jail on charges of contempt. In addition, the bench, comprising Justices Dipak Misra, J Chelameswar, Ranjan Gogoi, M B Lokur, P C Ghose and Kurian Joseph, prohibited media, both print and electronic, from publishing any further orders if any passed by Justice Karnan.

UNDETONATED WORLD WAR II BOMBS FOUND IN GERMANY, THOUSANDS EVACUATED



More than 50,000 people were evacuated from the German city of Hanover, after the discovery of multiple unexploded World War II bombs. While two of the suspected bombs were found from a construction site in the Vahrenwald district, three more were found from another suspected site near the location. The evacuation of the city started early in the morning on 7 May 2017. The residents were only allowed to return to their homes on 8 May 2017. The bombs, all British ones were defused successfully by experts.

UNION HOME MINISTER ADDRESSES THE REVIEW MEETING OF LEFT WING EXTREMISM AFFECTED STATES



SAMADHAN, a new doctrine or strategy against Maoists, was announced by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh. The doctrine was spelt out by Singh on 8 May 2017 during the Review Meeting of Left Wing Extremism affected State. The meeting was convened to discuss an integrated security strategy and development works in 35 worst-affected districts. During the meeting, the Home Minister explained the each component of the Acronym and they are S-smart leadership, A-aggressive strategy, M-motivation and training, A-actionable intelligence, D-dashboard-based KPIs (key performance indicators) and KRAs (key result areas), H-harnessing technology, A-action plan for each theatre and N-no access to financing.

INDIA UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF UN-HABITAT



India has been unanimously elected as the president of the UN-Habitat, an organ of the United Nations to promote sustainable human settlements across the globe. UN-Habitat reports to the United Nations General Assembly. Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation Minister M Venkaiah Naidu, who is currently in Nairobi in Kenya, will chair the four-day meeting of the 58-member Governing Council (GC) of UN-Habitat there from today. Naidu will preside over the deliberations of the GC of UN-Habitat for the next two years.

ORACLE SIGNS MOU WITH JHARKHAND FOR CLOUD-BASED CITIZEN SERVICES



The Government of Jharkhand and Oracle on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) intended to improve citizen services and to make Jharkhand an attractive destination for start-ups. Oracle will offer its support to the state through its vast portfolio of technology solutions, including Oracle Cloud — which are already powering a large number of governments globally. “These solutions cater to the growing requirements and expectations of citizens, businesses and government departments for smarter, transparent and efficient governance within the state of Jharkhand,” said a press statement.

DIPP & WIPO TO SET UP TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SUPPORT CENTERS



The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) have signed an agreement to establish Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISC). WIPO’s Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISC) program provides innovators in developing countries with access to locally based, high quality technology information and related services, helping them to exploit their innovative potential and to create, protect, and manage their intellectual property (IP) rights.

LOGO AND MASCOT OF ASIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS UNVEILED IN ODISHA CAPITAL



Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik yesterday unveiled the logo and mascot of the 22nd Asian Athletics Championships scheduled to be held at the Kalinga Stadium here from July 6 to 9. Patnaik also formally announced Bhubaneswar as the host for the sports event. The mascot, named Olly Turtle, depicts the Olive Ridley turtles as Odisha's Gahirmatha beach is a prime mass nesting site for the endangered species. More than 700 athletes from around 45 countries would participate in 42 events — 21 for men and 21 for women.

HARYANA TO START DOOR-TO-DOOR SURVEY TO COLLECT DATA OF EVERY RESIDENT



The Manohar Lal Khattar government has decided to gather a detailed data of every resident and issue a sleek identity for every house in Haryana. The objective of this two-month long data generating exercise, to be launched on June 15, is to get details of land holdings and status of facilities such as social security pension, scholarship, MGNREGA, loans and LPG connection. Chief secretary DS Dhesi directed all deputy commCs to complete the task in a time-bound manner.

EDELWEISS TOKIO LAUNCHES INDIA'S FIRST LIFE INSURANCE PRODUCT



The country's first, and perhaps the simplest life insurance product that can be bought at a point of sale (PoS) has finally been launched. Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance has recently launched PoS Saral Nivesh — the first product to be approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) guidelines on point of sale-life insurance products. PoS Saral Nivesh is a non-linked, non-participating endowment life insurance plan which offers both protection and saving.

HEENA SIDHU WINS BRONZE IN GRAND PRIX OF LIBERATION PLEZN 2017 SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP



Heena Sidhu claimed a bronze medal in the women's 10m Air Pistol as India ended the Grand Prix of Liberation Plezn 2017 Shooting championships with seven medals. On the final day of the championship, Heena Sidhu shot 218.8 in the eight-woman final, won by Greek shooter Anna Korakaki, who had won a gold medal in the 25m pistol and a bronze medal in the 10m air pistol at Rio Games.

venu rajamony appointed india's ambassador to netherlands



Press Secretary to President Pranab Mukherjee and senior diplomat Venu Rajamony has been appointed India's Ambassador to the Netherlands. Rajamony will also be India's Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Prevention of Chemical Weapons based in The Hague and cover the International Court of Justice, the Permanent Court of Arbitration and other international organisations based in the Netherlands, an official release said.

TECHMAGNATE ACQUIRES BLOGX, THE LARGEST BLOG CONFERENCE IN INDIA



Techmagnate, India's leading Digital Marketing Agency acquired BlogX, India's largest blog conference where bloggers and content managers connect. Upon the acquisition, Manmeet Pal Singh, founder of BlogX said, "A new chapter begins today for BlogX under the management and expert guidance of Sarvesh Bagla, CEO of Techmagnate, which is rated as one of the best digital agency offering digital marketing services in India. We didn't have the bandwidth or resources to scale BlogX and extend its reach across the country.