

President of India lays foundation stone of Driver's Training Institute and Secondary School at village Dhaula under SMARTGRAM Initiative



The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee laid the foundation stone of a Driver's Training Institute and a Secondary School under the SMARTGRAM Initiative at village Dhaula, Gurugram (Haryana) today (June 2, 2017).

- Three new Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) at Mahendragarh, Ambala and Palwal were also inaugurated.
- Speaking on the occasion, the President said that our villages not only have the capacity to develop but are also eager for development.
- If we keep moving ahead in this manner, the day is not far when our youth would not need to leave villages for cities in search of better avenues.
- It would also be possible to complete education of daughters in nearby villages.
- Good and affordable health services would be available for all and the youth would get training and employment in the vicinity of villages itself.
- The President said that he believes that our country will develop only when our villages develop. Even today, 68 percent of our population lives in villages.

MODI Fest inaugurated in Bengaluru



Union Minister of Statistics and Programme Implementation Shri D.V.Sadananda Gowda has inaugurated Making of Developed India Festival - MODI Fest at Malleswaram in Bengaluru today.

- The objective of the programme was to communicate, on the occasion of completion of three years in office by the Central Government, to the people about the Union Government's achievements over the last 3 years and to convey them about the various Government schemes and initiatives.
- Releasing a brochure on achievements of the Union Government during last 3 years, Shri Sadananda Gowda said, people of the country have been experiencing overall development achieved by the Union Government and entire world is noticing it.
- The Prime Minister desires that elected representatives must go to the people and present before them the details of the development work done by them.
- By conducting such programmes people's feedback and suggestions on different schemes will also be collected, he added.
- An exhibition depicting the achievements of the Union Government over last three years was also held on the occasion.

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WHO's tobacco control award for Health Minister J P Nadda



Union health Minister J P Nadda is set to get the World Health Organization's (WHO) award for outstanding global leadership in tobacco control.

- One of the proposers for the award is Dr K S Reddy, president of the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), a public-private initiative that was last month barred from getting foreign funds for allegedly using funds for “anti-tobacco lobbying”.
- The WHO award is given to governments or individuals who show exceptional zeal in tobacco control. Usually given out in Geneva on World No-Tobacco Day (May 31), it has been decided that the award this time will be given at the regional level by the WHO Southeast Asia regional office.
- Past winners from India include former Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss and Reddy himself.
- Nadda will not be in Delhi on Wednesday, so the award may be given at a tobacco control event in June, sources said.
- Besides Reddy, sources said, Nadda's name was also proposed by Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), which, like PHFI, had testified in front of the Parliamentary committee looking at the issue of larger tobacco warnings.

World milk day observed around the globe



World Milk Day is a day established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognise the importance of milk as a global food. It has been observed on June 1 each year since 2001.

- The day is intended to provide an opportunity to bring attention to activities that are connected with the dairy sector. Milk is an important part of a healthy balanced diet.
- World Milk Day provides the perfect opportunity to spread the word and celebrate all aspects of milk and dairy products in many countries around the globe.
- World Milk Day was first designated by the FAO in 2001.
- June 1 was chosen as the date because many countries were already celebrating a milk day during that time of year.
- The Day provides an opportunity to focus attention on milk and to publicise activities connected with milk and the dairy industry.
- The fact that many countries choose to do this on the same day lends additional importance to individual national celebrations and shows that milk is a global food.

Centre issues new guidelines to protect Aadhaar data



The government on Thursday issued new guidelines to protect your Aadhaar details in order to protect your identity and also several other information on cards.

- After Aadhaar data leakage, Centre issues new guidelines to protect data.
- A set of 27 dos and don'ts has been circulated on data handling. The document instructs government departments not to publish any personal data including Aadhaar in public domain/websites etc.
- It also said that there will be legal consequences if there is a data breach and warned the government departments to check future leaks. Under the Aadhaar Act, publishing of Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries is illegal.
- The move to protect personal data comes after reports of 130 million Aadhaar cardholders data was leaked from four government websites which also included cricketer MS Dhoni's personal Aadhaar details.
- Whether these incidents could have been avoided if the guidelines had been issued earlier is debatable.
- But the issuance of these guidelines at the earliest would have at least given the impression that the government does care about privacy and identity protection.

Japan launches satellite for high-precision positioning system



Japan on 1 June 2017 launched a satellite to help build a high-precision geolocation system that will complement the US operated Global Positioning System (GPS).

- The rocket carrying the Michibiki No. 2 satellite, H-IIA, was launched from the Tanegashima space center in Kagoshima Prefecture, Southern Japan.
- The same was confirmed by the footage recorded by Japan's Aerospace Exploration Agency.
- Japan launches satellite for high-precision positioning system.
- The satellite geolocation systems, which were initially designed for the US military, power countless applications including car navigation and internet browsing on mobile phones.
- Japan aims to build its version with four satellites focusing on the country and wider region.
- The nation had launched its first Michibiki satellite into space in 2010 on a trial basis.
- It plans to launch two more satellites by March 2018, after which at least one satellite will be flying over Japan for eight hours per day.
- The Michibiki system can cover the Asia-Oceania region.

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Haryana Cabinet approves extension of Metro rail from Delhi to Sonapat



The Haryana Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, on 1 June 2017 approved the extension of Metro Rail from Narela in Delhi to Kundli in Sonapat district of Haryana.

- The Cabinet also approved the revised funding pattern of Metro projects in Haryana.
- Under this, 50 per cent of funds for DMRC projects will be contributed by the Haryana Infrastructure Development Board, 20 per cent by the Haryana Urban Development Authority, 18 per cent by state government and 12 per cent by the Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corp.
- The 4.86-km long extension will have three stations Narela Sector 5, Kundli and Nathupur. All the three stations will be elevated.
- The project will be financed jointly by the State and Central governments, with Haryana providing 80 per cent of the funds and the Centre will be responsible for the rest 20 per cent.

Five agreements signed between India and Russia



India and Russia on 1 May 2017 signed five Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)/agreements including a program of cultural exchanges and implementation of the high-speed service at the Nagpur-Secunderabad section among others.

- The agreements were signed with an aim to boost the bilateral relations between the two nations.
- These agreements were inked during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia. Modi was in Russia between 1 May and 2 May 2017.
- The program of cultural exchanges for 2017-2019 was signed.
- The MoU was signed between the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India.
- The General Framework Agreement for the construction of the third stage of the Kudankulam NPP (KK5 & KK6) along with the Credit Protocol.
- India, Russia signs 16 MoUs including procurement of the S-400 air defence system.
- Agreement on granting access to Rospatent experts to the Indian Digital Library of Traditional Knowledge (TKDL) was signed.
- The agreement was signed between the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) and the Council of India for Scientific and Industrial Research.
- The contract on the preparation of the justification for the implementation of the high-speed service at the Nagpur-Secunderabad section was inked.
- The contract was signed between JSC Russian Railways and the Ministry of Railways of India.
- Memorandum of cooperation between ALROSA Joint Stock Company (Public Joint Stock Company) and the Council for the Promotion of the Export of Precious Stones and Jewellery of India.

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